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to the Commission
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Subject: Relations between the European Union and Paraguay

Paraguay has put considerable effort in recent years into implementing economic reforms and improving the business environment, with the result that economic growth has averaged 4.6 % over the past 10 years, one of the most dynamic rates in the world.

In 2014 the Commission organised a Mission for Growth to Paraguay. This was followed by a European Investment Forum attended by over 150 businessmen and women from the EU and around 400 from Paraguay. The Mission and the subsequent Forum were both very positive events with tangible results.

Latin America is one of the European Union's priorities on account of the deep economic, social, cultural and even family ties uniting both sides of the Atlantic. Paraguay is also one of Latin America's most open economies and sees stepping up economic relations with the European Union as a priority.

This being so, does the Commission intend to arrange another Mission for Growth to Paraguay in order to promote the presence and development there of European businesses and industry?

What strategy does she plan to employ to encourage the links between Paraguay and the European Union?