

## SIA OF EU-MERCOSUR TRADE AGREEMENT

### Automobile Sector Report

#### Comments and Response – Consultation with Civil Society

European Commission Comments	Consultants' Reply
<b>Public Meeting (19<sup>th</sup> July 2007)</b>	
<b>European Automobile Manufacturers Association</b>	
More emphasis should be given to the fact that Argentina promotes natural gas in a similar vein as Brazil promotes bio-fuels.	This has been added to the revised report
The SIA should also take into account the importance of the effects of exchange rate variations in Mercosur on foreign direct investment and market development	This is acknowledged in the revised report.
Establishing an EU Mercosur Automobile Sector Forum and undertaking further assessment studies, as proposed in the Report, could impede rather than facilitate, progress in the negotiations.	We feel that sectoral Impact Assessment studies could potentially help negotiations rather than slow them down, by providing detailed evidence on the possible outcomes of the FTA for the auto sector.
Policy towards CO2 emissions should not be confined to the auto sector	This has been allowed for the revised report
<b>Comments Received</b>	
<b>EAMA</b>	
The transition period may not be symmetric and may be shorter for the EU	Noted in the revised report
The strategy of Argentina in developing the use of CNG should be underlined in the report	New section added
We agree that all efforts must be deployed to deal with trade facilitation on NTBs	
We do not recommend that too many 'Committees' be set up. In particular, we are not convinced that an EU Mercosur Automobile Forum would be necessary	
We suggest that the CO <sub>2</sub> emission issue should not be limited to automobiles and should be enlarged through an integrated approach.	This has been allowed for in the revised report.
<b>Brazilian Autoparts Manufacturers Association</b>	

I write to tell you that I'm keen to contribute and to share information with you for the benefit of this important Study. If you need information about the auto parts sector in Brazil, please let me know. We have good reports and very important data.

Congratulations for the Study and please feel free to contact me if you need any information.