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| Intro | Chris off | Raging fires in the Amazon rainforest have stirred debate in the European Parliament about the EU´s planned trade accord with the Mercosur countries. Brazil´s nationalist President Jair Bolsonaro has begun to cooperate in controlling the blazes, after rejecting pressure from European officials to take action, contending Brazil needs to clear forestland for development. EPP Group members of parliament believe international agreements can help solve the problem.  |  |
| Interview | Mairead McGuinness, Irish MEP | *2:40**Slamming a trade agreement, while I know there are many concerns I have about it, will not help both relationships, or indeed to bring the actions to fruition. So yes, let´s look at what´s on the table on the trade side. Let´s see how we can use that to leverage and put pressure on Brazil and the other countries to tackle environmental challenges.* |  |
|  |  | Can trade agreements address really environmental problems? |  |
| Interview | McGuinness on | *2:02**There is detail in this agreement, which requires Brazil and other countries to stick to their climate commitments under Paris, and I think that this house will want that that be the case.* |  |
|  |  | Why keep the planned trade accord on track despite the fires?  |  |
| Interview | Christophe Hansen, Luxembourg MEP | *1:37**We shouldn´t break down now the things going on in the Amazon and take as a scapegoat the negotiations with the Mercosur. We have our commitments to the Paris agreement in this agreement and we want to see now how Brazil, especially Brazil out of the four, is going to implement this - put this into music as we say.* |  |
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| Headline |  | Use international agreements to pressure Brazil on Amazon fires |  |
| Description |  | The EU´s planned trade agreement with the Mercosur countries of South America can help to pressure the Brazilian government to take stronger action to stop fires in the Amazon rainforest, say EPP Group members debating the issue in the European Parliament.  |  |
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