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COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND EGYPT

Biennial Report on the Operation of the Agreement

Communication from the Parties

The report below presents the information received from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission, dated 19 April 2002. It is organized in accordance to the Standard Format for Information on Regional Trade Agreements (WT/REG/W/6).

This report covers the period 1999-2001. The previous biennial report submitted by the parties on the operation of the Cooperation Agreement between the EC and Egypt was circulated as WTO document WT/REG98/R/B/1, G/L/364 of 14 April 2000.

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE AGREEMENT

1. Membership and Dates of Signature, Ratification and Entry into Force

There have been no changes during the reporting period.

The Co-operation Agreement is to be replaced by a new and strengthened agreement, an Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement. Following the conclusion of negotiations on 21 June 1999, signature of the new agreement took place on 25 June 2001. The Association Agreement will enter into force once it has been ratified by the parties.

4. Trade Data

Total bilateral trade between the EU and Egypt continued to increase over the reporting period. In 2000, it exceeded €1.2 billion. Further statistical information is provided in the annex.

II. TRADE PROVISIONS

1. Imports restrictions &
2. Export restrictions
3. Rules of origin &
4. Standards &
5. Safeguards &
6. Anti-dumping and countervailing measures &

These trade provisions of the Agreement have not been modified during the reporting period.

7. Subsidies and State-aid

The Agreement does not include any provisions concerning State-aids or subsidies.

8. Sector-specific provisions

The situation remains as described in the last regular report.

III. GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT &

IV. OTHER

The situation remains as described in the last regular report.

Annex

EC-Egypt Imports/Exports, 2000 and comparison with extra-EU

Egypt / Total HS Section	EU15 trade 2000 with Egypt					EU15 trade 2000 with EXTRA-EUR					Egypt		
	imports		exports		balance	imports		exports		balance	market shares	Exp-Imp	
	M Euro	% Total	M Euro	% Total	M Euro	M Euro	% Total	M Euro	% Total	M Euro	imports	exports	
Total	3,376	100.0%	7,843	100.0%	4,466	1,026,798	100.0%	937,836	100.0%	-88,961	0.3%	0.8%	2.32
<i>of which:</i>													
01 Animals & animal products	12	0.4%	367	4.7%	355	15,386	1.5%	12,064	1.3%	-3,321	0.1%	3.0%	30.11
02 Vegetable products	122	3.6%	118	1.5%	-4	25,086	2.4%	11,223	1.2%	-13,864	0.5%	1.1%	0.97
03 Animal or vegetable fats	0	0.0%	41	0.5%	40	2,360	0.2%	2,687	0.3%	327	0.0%	1.5%	134.09
04 Prepared foodstuffs	24	0.7%	251	3.2%	228	22,170	2.2%	29,937	3.2%	7,767	0.1%	0.8%	10.58
05 Mineral products	1,555	46.1%	202	2.6%	-1,353	160,181	15.6%	33,372	3.6%	-126,808	1.0%	0.6%	0.13
06 Chemical products	130	3.9%	982	12.5%	852	63,673	6.2%	113,378	12.1%	49,705	0.2%	0.9%	7.54
07 Plastics & rubber	48	1.4%	344	4.4%	296	26,308	2.6%	35,240	3.8%	8,932	0.2%	1.0%	7.12
08 Hides & skins	42	1.2%	5	0.1%	-37	10,204	1.0%	8,969	1.0%	-1,234	0.4%	0.1%	0.12
09 Wood & wood products	1	0.0%	226	2.9%	225	14,618	1.4%	7,007	0.7%	-7,611	0.0%	3.2%	186.05
10 Wood pulp products	10	0.3%	216	2.8%	206	17,021	1.7%	24,481	2.6%	7,461	0.1%	0.9%	20.62
11 Textiles & textile articles	678	20.1%	152	1.9%	-526	69,611	6.8%	40,549	4.3%	-29,062	1.0%	0.4%	0.22
12 Footwear, headgear	7	0.2%	23	0.3%	16	10,903	1.1%	6,825	0.7%	-4,078	0.1%	0.3%	3.29
13 Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos	34	1.0%	123	1.6%	90	7,846	0.8%	15,121	1.6%	7,275	0.4%	0.8%	3.67
14 Pearls, (semi-)precious stones, metals	19	0.6%	17	0.2%	-2	35,656	3.5%	28,969	3.1%	-6,687	0.1%	0.1%	0.90
15 Base metals & articles thereof	290	8.6%	490	6.2%	200	57,454	5.6%	52,942	5.6%	-4,512	0.5%	0.9%	1.69
16 Machinery & mechanical appliances	220	6.5%	3,160	40.3%	2,940	298,805	29.1%	298,008	31.8%	-797	0.1%	1.1%	14.39
17 Transportation equipment	63	1.9%	539	6.9%	476	90,679	8.8%	139,903	14.9%	49,224	0.1%	0.4%	8.56
18 Instruments - measuring, musical	37	1.1%	266	3.4%	229	42,480	4.1%	39,533	4.2%	-2,947	0.1%	0.7%	7.14
19 Arms & ammunition	6	0.2%	4	0.1%	-2	601	0.1%	1,574	0.2%	973	0.9%	0.3%	0.73
20 Miscellaneous	23	0.7%	92	1.2%	69	27,149	2.6%	18,409	2.0%	-8,739	0.1%	0.5%	4.04
21 Works of art	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	2,672	0.3%	4,583	0.5%	1,910	0.0%	0.0%	0.91
Other	53	1.6%	221	2.8%	168	25,935	2.5%	13,062	1.4%	-12,872	0.2%	1.7%	4.16

Source : Eurostat COMEXT 30 Jul 01 (Statistical regime 4)

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EC-Egypt Imports/Exports, 1997-2000

Egypt HS Section	EU15 trade 1997-2000 with Egypt (million Euro)															
	imports				exports				balance				total trade			
	1997	1998	1999	2000	1997	1998	1999	2000	1997	1998	1999	2000	1997	1998	1999	2000
Total	2,637	2,527	2,392	3,376	6,758	7,597	7,926	7,843	4,121	5,070	5,533	4,466	9,395	10,125	10,318	11,219
of which:																
01 Animals & animal products	18	14	13	12	262	301	352	367	244	286	338	355	280	315	365	379
02 Vegetable products	115	142	127	122	215	185	104	118	100	43	-23	-4	329	328	231	240
03 Animal or vegetable fats	1	0	0	0	33	34	28	41	32	34	28	40	34	34	28	41
04 Prepared foodstuffs	15	20	34	24	171	253	201	251	156	233	168	228	186	273	235	275
05 Mineral products	1,207	973	1,041	1,555	159	168	116	202	-1,048	-805	-925	-1,353	1,367	1,140	1,158	1,757
06 Chemical products	63	59	86	130	705	834	891	982	642	775	804	852	768	893	977	1,112
07 Plastics & rubber	27	30	30	48	284	280	318	344	257	250	288	296	310	309	348	392
08 Hides & skins	9	13	19	42	4	4	4	5	-4	-8	-15	-37	13	17	24	47
09 Wood & wood products	1	1	1	1	245	238	209	226	244	237	208	225	247	239	211	227
10 Wood pulp products	11	10	10	10	173	191	203	216	161	181	193	206	184	201	213	226
11 Textiles & textile articles	622	571	557	678	164	154	137	152	-458	-417	-420	-526	787	726	695	830
12 Footwear, headgear	4	6	8	7	18	23	22	23	14	18	14	16	22	29	30	30
13 Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos	20	23	25	34	99	102	105	123	79	78	80	90	119	125	131	157
14 Pearls, (semi-)precious stones, metals	31	13	9	19	43	17	18	17	12	4	8	-2	74	30	27	37
15 Base metals & articles thereof	180	225	172	290	483	629	547	490	302	404	376	200	663	854	719	781
16 Machinery & mechanical appliances	76	92	123	220	2,398	2,843	3,519	3,160	2,321	2,751	3,396	2,940	2,474	2,935	3,642	3,379
17 Transportation equipment	169	248	33	63	779	803	601	539	610	554	568	476	947	1,051	633	602
18 Instruments - measuring, musical	25	27	36	37	230	261	280	266	205	234	243	229	255	288	316	304
19 Arms & ammunition	0	4	2	6	2	2	8	4	2	-2	6	-2	2	6	10	10
20 Miscellaneous	16	17	20	23	75	85	88	92	59	67	68	69	91	102	108	114
21 Works of art	0	1	4	1	2	5	6	1	2	4	2	0	3	6	10	2
Other	26	37	41	53	215	186	168	221	189	149	127	168	241	222	209	275

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