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COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND ALGERIA

Biennial Report on the Operation of the Agreement

Communication from the European Community

The report below presents the information received from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission, dated 19 April 2002. It is organized in accordance with the standard format (WT/REG/W/6).

This report covers the period 1999-2001. The previous biennial report by the European Communities on the operation of the Cooperation Agreement between the EC and Algeria was circulated in WTO document WT/REG105/R/B/1, G/L/373 of 2 May 2000.

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE AGREEMENT

1. Membership and dates of signature, ratification and entry into force

Since the last periodic report, no changes have intervened regarding the Co-operation Agreement with Algeria.

The negotiations with Algeria with a view to concluding an Euro-Mediterranean association Agreement have advanced. Negotiations began in March 1997 but were suspended by the Algerian side between June 1997 and April 2000. Since their resumption in April 2000 a number of negotiation rounds have taken place in Brussels and Algiers, which are expected to result in the conclusion of negotiations before the end of 2001.

4. Trade data

Total bilateral trade increased to €22.6 billion in 2000. Other statistical information on the development of trade between the parties for the period 1997-2000 appear in annex.

II. TRADE PROVISIONS

1. Imports restrictions & 2. Export restrictions

The trade provisions of the co-operation agreement (EEC and ECSC) signed in Algiers on 26 April 1977, according to which industrial products (other than those in Annex II to the Treaty

establishing the EEC) originating in Algeria may be imported into the Community without quantitative restrictions or measures having an equivalent effect, remain unchanged.

- 3. Rules of origin &**
- 4. Standards &**
- 5. Safeguards &**
- 6. Anti-dumping and countervailing measures &**
- 7. Subsidies and State-aid**

The Co-operation Agreement does not contain any specific measures relating to standards or State aid. With regard to trade defence instruments and rules of origin, the provisions of the Agreement remain unchanged

8. Sector-specific provisions

The Co-operation Agreement does not contain any specific measures relating to imports of textile products from Algeria, nor has any agreement since been signed between Algeria and the European Community.

The provisions of the Agreement relating to agriculture remain unchanged.

The Co-operation Agreement does not cover fisheries. No fisheries agreement has since been signed between Algeria and the European Community.

IV. OTHER

Areas related or complementary to trade liberalisation

The Co-operation Agreement does not include provisions in these areas. No specific agreement has been signed concerning approximation of legislation or the creation of common regulatory structures or disciplines.

Services and intellectual property

The Co-operation Agreement does not cover either services or intellectual property, and no specific agreement has since been signed in these areas.

Annex

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

Algeria / Total HS Section	EU15 trade 2000 with Algeria					EU15 trade 2000 with EXTRA-EUR					Algeria		
	imports		exports		balance	imports		exports		balance	market shares		Exp-Imp ratio
	M Euro	% Total	M Euro	% Total	M Euro	M Euro	% Total	M Euro	% Total	M Euro	imports	exports	
Total	16,548	100.0%	6,099	100.0%	-10,449	1,026,798	100.0%	937,836	100.0%	-88,961	1.6%	0.7%	0.37
<i>of which:</i>													
01 Animals & animal products	7	0.0%	378	6.2%	371	15,386	1.5%	12,064	1.3%	-3,321	0.0%	3.1%	52.67
02 Vegetable products	17	0.1%	421	6.9%	404	25,086	2.4%	11,223	1.2%	-13,864	0.1%	3.8%	24.33
03 Animal or vegetable fats	0	0.0%	47	0.8%	47	2,360	0.2%	2,687	0.3%	327	0.0%	1.7%	475.39
04 Prepared foodstuffs	5	0.0%	309	5.1%	305	22,170	2.2%	29,937	3.2%	7,767	0.0%	1.0%	67.70
05 Mineral products	12,089	73.1%	106	1.7%	-11,983	160,181	15.6%	33,372	3.6%	-126,808	7.5%	0.3%	0.01
06 Chemical products	159	1.0%	754	12.4%	594	63,673	6.2%	113,378	12.1%	49,705	0.3%	0.7%	4.73
07 Plastics & rubber	0	0.0%	203	3.3%	202	26,308	2.6%	35,240	3.8%	8,932	0.0%	0.6%	411.26
08 Hides & skins	14	0.1%	10	0.2%	-4	10,204	1.0%	8,969	1.0%	-1,234	0.1%	0.1%	0.72
09 Wood & wood products	20	0.1%	97	1.6%	76	14,618	1.4%	7,007	0.7%	-7,611	0.1%	1.4%	4.72
10 Wood pulp products	2	0.0%	154	2.5%	152	17,021	1.7%	24,481	2.6%	7,461	0.0%	0.6%	91.91
11 Textiles & textile articles	1	0.0%	117	1.9%	116	69,611	6.8%	40,549	4.3%	-29,062	0.0%	0.3%	203.35
12 Footwear, headgear	1	0.0%	15	0.2%	14	10,903	1.1%	6,825	0.7%	-4,078	0.0%	0.2%	26.34
13 Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos	0	0.0%	81	1.3%	81	7,846	0.8%	15,121	1.6%	7,275	0.0%	0.5%	490.27
14 Pearls, (semi-)precious stones, metals	1	0.0%	8	0.1%	7	35,656	3.5%	28,969	3.1%	-6,687	0.0%	0.0%	8.06
15 Base metals & articles thereof	80	0.5%	391	6.4%	312	57,454	5.6%	52,942	5.6%	-4,512	0.1%	0.7%	4.90
16 Machinery & mechanical applicances	20	0.1%	1,698	27.8%	1,678	298,805	29.1%	298,008	31.8%	-797	0.0%	0.6%	86.94
17 Transportation equipment	67	0.4%	1,023	16.8%	956	90,679	8.8%	139,903	14.9%	49,224	0.1%	0.7%	15.36
18 Instruments - measuring, musical	2	0.0%	150	2.5%	148	42,480	4.1%	39,533	4.2%	-2,947	0.0%	0.4%	70.97
19 Arms & ammunition	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	601	0.1%	1,574	0.2%	973	0.0%	0.1%	99.48
20 Miscellaneous	1	0.0%	68	1.1%	68	27,149	2.6%	18,409	2.0%	-8,739	0.0%	0.4%	130.74
21 Works of art	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	2,672	0.3%	4,583	0.5%	1,910	0.0%	0.0%	4.39
Other	4,064	24.6%	71	1.2%	-3,993	25,935	2.5%	13,062	1.4%	-12,872	15.7%	0.5%	0.02

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

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EC-Algeria Imports/Exports, 1997-2000

HS Section	EU15 trade 1997-2000 with Algeria (million Euro)															
	imports				exports				balance				total trade			
	1997	1998	1999	2000	1997	1998	1999	2000	1997	1998	1999	2000	1997	1998	1999	2000
Total	8,361	6,807	7,776	16,548	4,357	5,268	5,220	6,099	-4,004	-1,539	-2,556	-10,449	12,718	12,074	12,995	22,648
of which:																
01 Animals & animal products	4	4	6	7	255	349	326	378	250	345	320	371	259	352	332	385
02 Vegetable products	16	17	15	17	410	281	322	421	394	264	306	404	426	298	337	438
03 Animal or vegetable fats	0	0	0	0	111	143	73	47	111	143	73	47	111	143	73	47
04 Prepared foodstuffs	5	6	5	5	184	299	252	309	179	293	247	305	190	305	256	314
05 Mineral products	6,284	4,775	5,661	12,089	40	58	49	106	-6,244	-4,716	-5,612	-11,983	6,325	4,833	5,710	12,194
06 Chemical products	116	97	109	159	550	700	735	754	434	603	626	594	666	797	844	913
07 Plastics & rubber	1	1	0	0	159	193	181	203	158	192	180	202	160	194	181	203
08 Hides & skins	7	9	7	14	7	10	8	10	0	1	1	-4	14	19	15	24
09 Wood & wood products	4	9	11	20	83	95	97	97	79	86	86	76	88	103	107	117
10 Wood pulp products	1	0	0	2	92	125	117	154	92	124	117	152	93	125	118	156
11 Textiles & textile articles	2	1	1	1	118	112	113	117	116	111	112	116	120	113	113	117
12 Footwear, headgear	0	0	0	1	11	14	12	15	11	14	12	14	11	15	12	15
13 Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos	0	0	0	0	61	66	78	81	61	66	78	81	61	67	78	81
14 Pearls, (semi-)precious stones, metals	1	5	2	1	3	6	7	8	2	1	5	7	4	11	8	8
15 Base metals & articles thereof	95	55	62	80	307	365	315	391	212	310	253	312	403	421	377	471
16 Machinery & mechanical appliances	23	19	24	20	1,160	1,517	1,502	1,698	1,138	1,498	1,478	1,678	1,183	1,535	1,525	1,717
17 Transportation equipment	61	97	3	67	584	680	766	1,023	523	583	763	956	645	777	769	1,089
18 Instruments - measuring, musical	2	3	5	2	111	123	134	150	108	120	129	148	113	127	139	152
19 Arms & ammunition	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	1	5	1	0	1	5	1	0	1
20 Miscellaneous	1	0	0	1	47	62	76	68	46	62	76	68	48	62	76	69
21 Works of art	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	1,736	1,708	1,864	4,064	57	69	57	71	-1,679	-1,640	-1,807	-3,993	1,794	1,777	1,921	4,135

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