

**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 21 March 2000. It is organized in accordance with the standard format (WT/REG/W/6).

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE AGREEMENT

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

Since the last periodic report¹, the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic have acceded to the European Communities. Subsequently (in 1995), the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden acceded to the European Union (EU). Under the terms of accession, all agreements signed by the European Communities are binding upon these new member States, who thereby became contracting parties to the Cooperation Agreements with Algeria.

Additional protocols to the Cooperation Agreements between the European Economic Community (EEC) and, the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) and Algeria, including adjustment and transitional measures, were signed in Brussels on 25 June 1987 following the accession of Spain and Portugal. Protocols of this kind were not necessary for Austria, Finland and Sweden, which implemented the Cooperation Agreement with Algeria without either a transitional period or adjustment measures.

Negotiations began with Algeria on 4 March 1997 with a view to concluding a Euro-Mediterranean association agreement, on the basis of directives adopted by the Council of the European Union on 10 June 1996.

4. Trade data

The development of trade between the parties and the relevant trade statistics, including those for the rest of the world, appear in annex.

¹ L/5674 of 13 September 1984

II. TRADE PROVISIONS

1. Import restrictions, and

2. Export restrictions

The trade provisions of the cooperation agreements (EEC and ECSC) signed in Algiers on 26 April 1977, according to which industrial products (other than those listed 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 and with exemption from customs duties or charges having an equivalent effect, remain unchanged. It should be noted that the special measures provided for under Article 11 of the EEC-Algeria Agreement are no longer applicable and that the tariff ceilings established by Article 12 of the Agreement were abolished as of 1 January 1980.

The transitional measures provided for in the additional protocols signed following the accession of Spain and Portugal to the European Communities expired on 1 January 1993 for imports of industrial products, and on 1 January 1996 for imports of agricultural products.

3. Rules of origin

4. Standards

5. Safeguards

6. Anti-dumping and countervailing measures, and

7. Subsidies and State aid

The Cooperation Agreement does not contain provisions 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 Cooperation 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 Cooperation Agreement does not cover fisheries. No fisheries agreement has since been signed between Algeria and the European Community.

IV. OTHER

Areas related complementary to trade liberalization

The Cooperation Agreement does not include provisions in these areas. No specific agreement has since been signed concerning the harmonization of legislation or the creation of common regulatory structures or disciplines.

Services and intellectual property

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

ANNEX²

Table 1 - EU Imports from the World and Algeria 1980-1998
(Millions of ECU)

| SITC: | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | TOTAL |
|---------------------|--------|-------|--------|---------|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| 1980 (EU 9) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| World | 23,908 | 1,929 | 27,501 | 85,384 | 1,579 | 11,374 | 37,648 | 37,853 | 22,176 | 20,502 | 269,853 |
| Algeria | 7 | 12 | 27 | 3,926 | 0 | 8 | 16 | 7 | 1 | 23 | 4,027 |
| 1984 (EU 10) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| World | 33,643 | 2,810 | 36,139 | 107,594 | 2,803 | 19,968 | 48,969 | 71,432 | 34,537 | 24,205 | 382,100 |
| Algeria | 16 | 6 | 30 | 9,136 | 0 | 41 | 34 | 21 | 5 | 19 | 9,309 |
| 1988 (EU 12) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| World | 32,221 | 2,152 | 35,752 | 47,393 | 1,499 | 25,067 | 59,078 | 106,689 | 49,968 | 27,937 | 387,757 |
| Algeria | 14 | 8 | 40 | 3,834 | - | 29 | 61 | 34 | 11 | 835 | 4,865 |
| 1992 (EU 12) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| World | 34,580 | 3,215 | 32,218 | 65,183 | 1,748 | 33,888 | 69,355 | 146,277 | 76,771 | 23,900 | 487,135 |
| Algeria | 23 | 4 | 24 | 4,921 | - | 56 | 49 | 45 | 17 | 1,741 | 6,882 |
| 1996 (EU 15) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| World | 41,305 | 3,599 | 34,829 | 75,910 | 2,423 | 44,328 | 75,479 | 189,056 | 93,962 | 20,131 | 581,065 |
| Algeria | 29 | 5 | 36 | 4,662 | 0 | 63 | 75 | 72 | 3 | 562 | 5,507 |
| 1997 (EU 15) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| World | 44,248 | 4,072 | 40,131 | 85,155 | 2,554 | 51,485 | 87,685 | 229,346 | 108,779 | 17,690 | 672,413 |
| Algeria | 22 | 4 | 41 | 6,252 | 0 | 115 | 85 | 84 | 4 | 2 | 8,361 |
| 1998 (EU 15) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| World | 45,198 | 4,458 | 39,370 | 64,843 | 2,891 | 55,290 | 94,672 | 264,153 | 116,092 | 22,676 | 709,643 |
| Algeria | 21 | 5 | 38 | 4,752 | 0 | 98 | 55 | 62 | 5 | 2 | 6,745 |

² Source for all tables: Eurostat (COMEXT)

Table 2 – EU Exports to the World and Algeria 1980-1988
(Millions of ECU)

| SITC: | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | TOTAL |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|
| 1980 (EU 9) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| World | 13,662 | 3,422 | 4,327 | 10,071 | 717 | 23,228 | 46,455 | 84,154 | 21,333 | 13,716 | 221,084 |
| Algeria | 470 | 3 | 44 | 191 | 29 | 438 | 1,070 | 2,169 | 188 | 107 | 4,710 |
| 1984 (EU 10) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| World | 21,120 | 5,784 | 7,319 | 18,087 | 1,343 | 38,465 | 65,412 | 129,088 | 39,835 | 24,806 | 351,259 |
| Algeria | 934 | 11 | 72 | 104 | 104 | 581 | 1,781 | 2,927 | 373 | 146 | 7,033 |
| 1988 (EU 12) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| World | 19,588 | 6,205 | 7,602 | 8,232 | 1,158 | 44,449 | 65,673 | 141,249 | 48,507 | 20,256 | 362,917 |
| Algeria | 686 | 4 | 73 | 72 | 55 | 525 | 612 | 1,415 | 188 | 75 | 3,704 |
| 1992 (EU 12) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| World | 24,887 | 8,778 | 8,068 | 10,552 | 1,491 | 54,200 | 71,091 | 180,838 | 59,247 | 16,939 | 436,091 |
| Algeria | 772 | 23 | 78 | 62 | 40 | 542 | 719 | 1,544 | 170 | 37 | 3,987 |
| 1996 (EU 15) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| World | 30,646 | 10,339 | 11,414 | 15,431 | 1,998 | 79,144 | 102,957 | 283,081 | 79,287 | 12,695 | 627,011 |
| Algeria | 705 | 21 | 108 | 32 | 59 | 438 | 702 | 1,713 | 221 | 59 | 4,075 |
| 1997 (EU 15) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| World | 33,504 | 12,374 | 13,084 | 17,109 | 2,575 | 93,046 | 114,927 | 331,113 | 88,686 | 13,717 | 721,109 |
| Algeria | 843 | 22 | 142 | 14 | 83 | 619 | 571 | 1,751 | 251 | 23 | 4,357 |
| 1998 (EU 15) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| World | 31,772 | 12,005 | 11,554 | 13,833 | 2,831 | 95,885 | 112,815 | 343,435 | 89,424 | 16,869 | 730,423 |
| Algeria | 915 | 32 | 134 | 23 | 114 | 780 | 683 | 2,116 | 295 | 48 | 5,172 |

Table 3 – EU Trade with Algeria by HS Section
(Millions of ECU)

| EXPORTS | | | | | |
|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| SECTION | 1988 | 1992 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
| TOTAL | 3,704 | 3,987 | 4,075 | 4,357 | 5,172 |
| I | 242 | 319 | 256 | 255 | 350 |
| II | 295 | 304 | 295 | 410 | 280 |
| III | 57 | 51 | 81 | 111 | 140 |
| IV | 165 | 179 | 172 | 184 | 301 |
| V | 104 | 86 | 64 | 40 | 57 |
| VI | 449 | 469 | 377 | 550 | 697 |
| VII | 166 | 134 | 127 | 159 | 194 |
| VIII | 5 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 10 |
| IX | 20 | 9 | 47 | 83 | 94 |
| X | 58 | 66 | 87 | 92 | 124 |
| XI | 117 | 112 | 116 | 118 | 112 |
| XII | 7 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 14 |
| XIII | 52 | 36 | 63 | 61 | 65 |
| XIV | 10 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| XV | 343 | 506 | 437 | 307 | 365 |
| XVI | 1,026 | 1,045 | 1,073 | 1,160 | 1,512 |
| XVII | 385 | 491 | 631 | 584 | 594 |
| XVIII | 96 | 98 | 106 | 111 | 123 |
| XIX | 0 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 1 |
| XX | 34 | 22 | 46 | 47 | 61 |
| XXI | 19 | 6 | 51 | 23 | 40 |

| IMPORTS | | | | | |
|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| SECTION | 1988 | 1992 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
| TOTAL | 4,865 | 6,882 | 5,507 | 8,361 | 6,745 |
| I | 1 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 4 |
| II | 10 | 18 | 26 | 16 | 17 |
| III | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| IV | 11 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 6 |
| V | 3,845 | 4,935 | 4,672 | 6,284 | 4,767 |
| VI | 29 | 56 | 63 | 116 | 98 |
| VII | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| VIII | 0 | 0 | 10 | 7 | 9 |
| IX | 2 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 7 |
| X | 9 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| XI | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| XII | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| XIII | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| XIV | 6 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| XV | 79 | 53 | 80 | 95 | 55 |
| XVI | 26 | 11 | 9 | 23 | 19 |
| XVII | 7 | 35 | 63 | 61 | 44 |
| XVIII | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| XIX | 0 | 0 | - | - | 0 |
| XX | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| XXI | 5 | 2 | 562 | 2 | 2 |

Table 4 – EU Trade with the World by HS Section
(Millions of ECU)

| EXPORTS | | | | | |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| SECTION | 1988 | 1992 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
| TOTAL | 362,917 | 436,091 | 627,011 | 721,109 | 730,423 |
| I | 7,060 | 8,001 | 9,980 | 10,897 | 10,062 |
| II | 6,372 | 8,511 | 8,819 | 9,757 | 9,145 |
| III | 1,341 | 1,673 | 2,286 | 2,977 | 3,156 |
| IV | 13,817 | 19,194 | 24,510 | 27,744 | 27,279 |
| V | 9,723 | 12,152 | 17,487 | 19,630 | 16,711 |
| VI | 37,393 | 46,951 | 68,968 | 81,772 | 85,215 |
| VII | 15,521 | 16,914 | 23,128 | 27,148 | 27,504 |
| VIII | 4,119 | 4,084 | 7,159 | 7,375 | 6,435 |
| IX | 1,771 | 2,035 | 4,045 | 4,927 | 5,182 |
| X | 7,937 | 10,271 | 18,033 | 19,764 | 19,803 |
| XI | 20,244 | 25,208 | 31,611 | 34,724 | 35,221 |
| XII | 3,440 | 4,526 | 5,922 | 6,313 | 6,043 |
| XIII | 7,153 | 8,120 | 11,257 | 12,916 | 12,894 |
| XIV | 13,026 | 12,425 | 16,992 | 19,285 | 17,990 |
| XV | 30,826 | 30,864 | 42,214 | 46,944 | 45,623 |
| XVI | 93,666 | 120,842 | 193,730 | 226,482 | 234,539 |
| XVII | 46,674 | 59,351 | 89,086 | 104,705 | 110,049 |
| XVIII | 14,107 | 17,067 | 23,982 | 28,129 | 29,109 |
| XIX | 402 | 388 | 1,097 | 1,326 | 1,656 |
| XX | 7,819 | 9,378 | 13,350 | 15,177 | 15,242 |
| XXI | 8,204 | 5,727 | 13,354 | 13,115 | 11,565 |

| IMPORTS | | | | | |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| SECTION | 1988 | 1992 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
| TOTAL | 387,757 | 487,135 | 581,065 | 672,413 | 709,643 |
| I | 8,349 | 10,300 | 10,897 | 12,227 | 13,296 |
| II | 17,555 | 17,353 | 23,130 | 25,437 | 24,992 |
| III | 1,542 | 1,781 | 2,250 | 2,390 | 2,693 |
| IV | 13,638 | 15,595 | 18,511 | 19,019 | 19,518 |
| V | 55,920 | 73,081 | 84,793 | 95,737 | 75,508 |
| VI | 22,179 | 29,303 | 39,774 | 46,234 | 49,432 |
| VII | 10,125 | 13,862 | 17,132 | 19,323 | 21,043 |
| VIII | 6,121 | 5,701 | 7,590 | 8,498 | 8,224 |
| IX | 9,615 | 10,926 | 9,118 | 10,973 | 11,434 |
| X | 17,605 | 19,227 | 11,110 | 11,996 | 12,571 |
| XI | 28,639 | 39,478 | 47,467 | 55,248 | 57,903 |
| XII | 3,325 | 5,451 | 7,029 | 8,308 | 8,274 |
| XIII | 2,593 | 3,883 | 4,386 | 5,090 | 5,648 |
| XIV | 17,526 | 15,037 | 21,620 | 23,890 | 26,981 |
| XV | 26,101 | 29,345 | 33,661 | 40,312 | 44,472 |
| XVI | 81,389 | 106,397 | 146,298 | 173,122 | 195,378 |
| XVII | 25,240 | 40,386 | 42,797 | 56,275 | 68,476 |
| XVIII | 14,869 | 19,652 | 24,343 | 27,814 | 29,926 |
| XIX | 118 | 194 | 466 | 603 | 510 |
| XX | 6,655 | 12,072 | 14,394 | 17,529 | 19,046 |
| XXI | 5,733 | 5,511 | 14,298 | 12,387 | 14,318 |