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## COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND JORDAN

### Biennial Report on the Operation of the Agreement

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### I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE AGREEMENT

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

Since the last periodic report<sup>1</sup>, the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic have acceded to the European Communities (1986). Subsequently, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden acceded to the European Union (1995). 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 Jordan. Protocols to the cooperation agreement between the European Economic Community (EEC) and the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) and Jordan, including adjustment and transitional measures, were signed in Brussels on 9 July 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 Jordan without either a transitional period or adjustment measures.

The Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement between the European Union and Jordan was signed on 24 November 1997, but it has not yet entered into force. The European Parliament ratified it in 1998. On 15 September 1999, the Jordanian Parliament approved the Agreement, after which it was approved by the Jordanian Senate and then ratified by the King. It was published on 16 November 1999 in Jordan's Official Journal. It is currently in the process of being ratified by the member States, a process which will probably be completed in 2000. The Association Agreement will replace the Cooperation Agreement and aim to create a free-trade area between the EU and Jordan in the year 2010.

#### 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.

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<sup>1</sup> L/5674 on the period 1979-81.

## II. TRADE PROVISIONS

1. Import restrictions, and
2. Export restrictions

The trade provisions of the cooperation agreement (EEC and ECSC) signed in Brussels on 18 January 1977, according to which industrial products (other than those listed in Annex II to the Treaty establishing the EEC) originating in Jordan 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.

The transitional measures provided for in the additional protocols signed between the EC (EEC and ECSC) and Jordan following the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the EC expired on 1 January 1986. The transitional measures provided for in the additional protocols signed in 1987 following the accession of Spain and Portugal to the EC and relating to imports into those two countries of industrial and agricultural products from Jordan expired on 1 January 1996.

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 provisions of the Agreement relating to agriculture remain unchanged.

The Agreement does not cover fisheries. No fisheries agreement has since been signed between Jordan and the EC.

The Cooperation Agreement does not contain any specific measures relating to imports of textile products originating in Jordan.

## IV. OTHER

### Financial aspects

From 1977 to 1996, Jordan benefited from four five-yearly financial protocols for a total of € 414 million consisting of € 216 million in grants from the EC budget and € 198 million in EIB loans.

### Areas related or 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.

However, the future Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement between the EU and Jordan contains provisions for an alignment of legislation in a number of areas (such as, for instance, competition and intellectual property).

Services and intellectual property

The Cooperation Agreement does not cover the areas of services and intellectual property, nor has any specific agreement since been signed in these areas.

## ANNEX<sup>2</sup>

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

SITC:	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL
<b>1980 (EU 9)</b>											
<b>World</b>	23,908	1,929	27,501	85,384	1,579	11,374	37,648	37,853	22,176	20,502	269,853
<b>Jordan</b>	0	-	7	-	-	0	1	6	2	5	21
<b>1984 (EU 10)</b>											
<b>World</b>	33,643	2,810	36,139	107,594	2,803	19,968	48,969	71,432	34,537	24,205	382,100
<b>Jordan</b>	1	0	24	23	-	17	1	25	4	28	123
<b>1988 (EU 12)</b>											
<b>World</b>	32,221	2,152	35,752	47,393	1,499	25,067	59,078	106,689	49,968	27,937	387,757
<b>Jordan</b>	2	0	14	0	0	45	2	30	11	16	121
<b>1992 (EU 12)</b>											
<b>World</b>	34,580	3,215	32,218	65,183	1,748	33,888	69,355	146,277	76,771	23,900	487,135
<b>Jordan</b>	3	0	18	-	0	6	4	23	10	31	96
<b>1996 (EU 15)</b>											
<b>World</b>	41,305	3,599	34,829	75,910	2,423	44,328	75,479	189,056	93,962	20,131	581,065
<b>Jordan</b>	7	1	50	-	0	34	8	28	25	11	167
<b>1997 (EU 15)</b>											
<b>World</b>	44,248	4,072	40,131	85,155	2,554	51,485	87,685	229,346	108,779	17,690	672,413
<b>Jordan</b>	9	0	57	0	-	26	9	39	28	3	174
<b>1998 (EU 15)</b>											
<b>World</b>	45,198	4,458	39,370	64,843	2,891	55,290	94,672	264,153	116,092	22,676	709,643
<b>Jordan</b>	15	0	40	0	0	28	12	34	26	3	159

<sup>2</sup> Source for all tables: Eurostat (COMEXT).

Table 2 – EU Exports to the World and Jordan 1980-1998  
 (Millions of ECU)

SITC:	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL
<b>1980 (EU 9)</b>											
<b>World</b>	13,662	3,422	4,327	10,071	717	23,228	46,455	84,154	21,333	13,716	221,084
<b>Jordan</b>	92	6	7	8	2	58	132	291	67	27	687
<b>1984 (EU 10)</b>											
<b>World</b>	21,120	5,784	7,319	18,087	1,343	38,465	65,412	129,088	39,835	24,806	351,259
<b>Jordan</b>	175	5	12	18	7	107	229	336	133	292	1,316
<b>1988 (EU 12)</b>											
<b>World</b>	19,588	6,205	7,602	8,232	1,158	44,449	65,673	141,249	48,507	20,256	362,917
<b>Jordan</b>	129	5	10	10	6	109	139	393	109	122	1,031
<b>1992 (EU 12)</b>											
<b>World</b>	24,887	8,778	8,068	10,552	1,491	54,200	71,091	180,838	59,247	16,939	436,091
<b>Jordan</b>	121	9	16	2	20	127	113	278	78	28	791
<b>1996 (EU 15)</b>											
<b>World</b>	30,646	10,339	11,414	15,431	1,998	79,144	102,957	283,081	79,287	12,695	627,011
<b>Jordan</b>	107	9	23	5	8	179	190	533	97	30	1,194
<b>1997 (EU 15)</b>											
<b>World</b>	33,504	12,374	13,084	17,109	2,575	93,046	114,927	331,113	88,686	13,717	721,109
<b>Jordan</b>	124	10	29	2	8	234	177	486	103	5	1,200
<b>1998 (EU 15)</b>											
<b>World</b>	31,772	12,005	11,554	13,833	2,831	95,885	112,815	343,435	89,424	16,869	730,423
<b>Jordan</b>	124	13	27	4	12	226	163	428	101	13	1,130

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

EXPORTS					
SECTION	1988	1992	1996	1997	1998
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,031	791	1,194	1,200	1,130
I	31	55	50	62	55
II	16	26	21	19	14
III	6	20	7	8	11
IV	91	52	49	59	76
V	10	4	9	5	8
VI	87	107	151	205	201
VII	46	37	51	52	49
VIII	1	1	1	1	1
IX	2	2	6	6	5
X	19	20	37	46	43
XI	42	39	50	52	58
XII	2	3	3	4	5
XIII	15	16	18	20	20
XIV	8	11	10	6	6
XV	69	51	102	84	65
XVI	216	197	396	352	305
XVII	177	79	130	130	118
XVIII	50	37	50	51	47
XIX	6	0	0	1	1
XX	15	7	11	14	17
XXI	6	1	6	3	6

IMPORTS					
SECTION	1988	1992	1996	1997	1998
<b>TOTAL</b>	121	96	167	174	159
I	0	0	1	1	2
II	2	2	3	4	10
III	0	0	0	0	0
IV	0	2	5	5	5
V	7	15	40	52	36
VI	46	6	34	26	28
VII	1	2	3	2	2
VIII	0	1	7	3	1
IX	0	0	0	0	0
X	1	0	0	3	6
XI	1	4	13	21	16
XII	0	0	0	0	0
XIII	0	0	0	0	0
XIV	6	17	4	1	0
XV	7	3	3	4	6
XVI	28	17	26	34	25
XVII	2	5	2	6	9
XVIII	8	6	13	9	9
XIX	-	0	0	-	0
XX	0	0	0	0	0
XXI	3	1	3	2	2

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

<b>EXPORTS</b>					
<b>SECTION</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	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

<b>IMPORTS</b>					
<b>SECTION</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	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