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## COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND TUNISIA

### 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 21 March 2000.

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## I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE AGREEMENT

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

Following entry into force on 1 March 1998 of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Tunisia, trade relations between the European Community and Tunisia are no longer governed by the Co-operation Agreement between the European Community and the Tunisian Republic of 1976. On its entry into force, the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement replaced the Co-operation Agreement.

As the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement has already been notified to the WTO<sup>1</sup> and is presently being examined by the WTO Committee on Regional Trade Agreements, the Parties consider that a report on the operation of the earlier Co-operation Agreement would serve no purpose.

### 4. Trade Data

Statistical information on the development of trade between the European Community and Tunisia is given in the Annex.

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<sup>1</sup> WT/REG69/N/1, dated 23 March 1999.

## ANNEX

Table 1 - EU Imports from World and Tunisia, 1980-1998<sup>2</sup>  
(Million ECU)

SITC:	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL
<b>1980 (EU 9)</b>											
World	23,908	1,929	27,501	85,384	1,579	11,374	37,648	37,853	22,176	20,502	269,853
Tunisia	56	8	37	389	97	123	67	29	278	6	1,091
<b>1984 (EU 10)</b>											
World	33,643	2,810	36,139	107,594	2,803	19,968	48,969	71,432	34,537	24,205	382,100
Tunisia	84	7	40	440	47	155	84	46	426	13	1,343
<b>1988 (EU 12)</b>											
World	32,221	2,152	35,752	47,393	1,499	25,067	59,078	106,689	49,968	27,937	387,757
Tunisia	141	6	50	219	70	160	113	116	639	13	1,528
<b>1992 (EU 12)</b>											
World	34,580	3,215	32,218	65,183	1,748	33,888	69,355	146,277	76,771	23,900	487,135
Tunisia	121	5	35	263	125	132	129	265	1,381	10	2,467
<b>1996 (EU 15)</b>											
World	41,305	3,599	34,829	75,910	2,423	44,328	75,479	189,056	93,962	20,131	581,065
Tunisia	123	4	56	373	121	221	189	371	2,162	13	3,636
<b>1997 (EU 15)</b>											
World	44,248	4,072	40,131	85,155	2,554	51,485	87,685	229,346	108,779	17,690	672,413
Tunisia	149	6	45	369	205	213	208	477	2,334	8	4,017
<b>1998 (EU 15)</b>											
World	45,198	4,458	39,370	64,843	2,891	55,290	94,672	264,153	116,092	22,676	709,643
Tunisia	173	5	49	192	143	238	235	609	2,633	10	4,287

<sup>2</sup> The source for all the tables is Eurostat (COMEXT).

Table 2 - EU Exports to World and Tunisia, 1980-1998  
 (Million 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>Tunisia</b>	138	4	37	104	7	144	406	538	128	36	1,541
<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>Tunisia</b>	186	5	37	168	23	194	545	867	175	39	2,239
<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>Tunisia</b>	133	7	45	90	40	229	625	583	221	32	2,003
<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>Tunisia</b>	108	13	67	148	12	296	1,154	1,253	406	40	3,497
<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>Tunisia</b>	127	10	123	162	52	360	1,454	1,372	630	32	4,345
<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>Tunisia</b>	226	15	129	265	65	433	1,621	1,725	717	42	5,285
<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>Tunisia</b>	191	16	126	202	89	472	1,851	2,032	721	33	5,769

Table 3 - EU Trade with Tunisia by HS Section  
(Million 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>	2,003	3,497	4,345	5,285	5,769
I	48	43	25	48	32
II	72	39	46	118	91
III	40	13	50	64	87
IV	25	46	73	81	91
V	108	171	187	290	225
VI	170	236	279	335	365
VII	95	110	153	182	198
VIII	23	40	92	103	108
IX	5	9	42	55	50
X	40	69	82	94	100
XI	451	877	1,372	1,528	1,709
XII	10	31	43	47	53
XIII	25	27	40	41	48
XIV	19	13	12	10	10
XV	179	354	258	288	316
XVI	447	831	1,013	1,220	1,370
XVII	132	413	356	504	662
XVIII	55	90	108	117	124
XIX	0	1	0	1	1
XX	28	47	57	70	74
XXI	10	7	22	41	16

<b>IMPORTS</b>					
<b>SECTION</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,528	2,467	3,636	4,017	4,287
I	88	64	64	82	94
II	50	59	51	60	73
III	70	125	121	205	143
IV	10	8	16	18	14
V	261	280	415	405	232
VI	160	132	221	211	235
VII	6	8	7	9	15
VIII	13	16	39	36	35
IX	4	3	5	6	8
X	7	9	13	17	17
XI	627	1,313	1,994	2,131	2,392
XII	35	90	190	218	234
XIII	3	6	10	13	17
XIV	19	6	8	7	6
XV	24	36	36	48	76
XVI	103	199	339	451	573
XVII	13	67	32	27	36
XVIII	15	18	39	42	43
XIX	0	0	0	0	0
XX	6	17	22	26	35
XXI	7	8	9	6	8

Table 4 - EU Trade with World by HS Section  
(Million ECU)

EXPORTS					
SECTION	1988	1992	1996	1997	1998
<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

IMPORTS					
SECTION	1988	1992	1996	1997	1998
<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