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Notification from the Parties to the Agreement

The following communication, dated 15 January 1999, has been received from the Delegation of the European Commission with the request that it be circulated to Members.

The Community and the Delegation of Tunisia have the honour to inform the Members of the WTO that the Agreement between the European Community and Tunisia came into force on 1 March 1998.¹

The Agreement contains provisions relating to trade in goods, which are of relevance to the Members of the WTO.

The Agreement establishes a free-trade area between the European Communities and Tunisia in the sense of Article XXIV of the GATT 1994. This free-trade area will be established over a maximum period of 12 years, at the end of which duties and other restrictive regulations of commerce will have been eliminated on substantially all the trade between the signatories.

¹ The text of the Agreement is circulated in document WT/REG69/1.