

**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)

| <b>SITC:</b>        | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|
| <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)

| EXPORTS      |       |       |       |       |       |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| SECTION      | 1988  | 1992  | 1996  | 1997  | 1998  |
|              |       |       |       |       |       |
| <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    |

| IMPORTS      |       |       |       |       |       |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| SECTION      | 1988  | 1992  | 1996  | 1997  | 1998  |
|              |       |       |       |       |       |
| <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)

| <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      |