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TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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EEC-MOROCCO, EEC-TUNISIA, EEC-EGYPT,  
EEC-JORDAN, EEC-LEBANON AND EEC-SYRIA  
CO-OPERATION AGREEMENTS

For Information of the Contracting Parties to the GATT<sup>1</sup>

1. It should be noted that the provisions relating to trade contained in the co-operation agreements between the EEC and each of the countries concerned have been applied since 1 July 1976 for the countries of the Maghreb (Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia) and since 1 July 1977 for the countries of the Machrek (Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria).

Since these dates, the countries concerned have benefitted from trade concessions for the greater part of their agricultural exports to the Community and from free access to the Community market for exports of raw materials and industrial products (except, in the case of Egypt, products coming under the Multifibre Agreement). As provided in the agreements, temporary exceptions to the rule of free access to the Community market have been discontinued since 1 January 1980. Their purpose was to allow the Community to re-establish customs duties on a few sensitive products above a certain volume of imports (ceiling). Depending on the country concerned, these products were mainly refined petroleum products, phosphate fertilizers, certain textile products, and processed cork products.

It must be pointed out, however, that owing to the grave crisis of the textile industry in the EEC, Morocco, Tunisia and Egypt have agreed, provisionally, to an administrative co-operation arrangement with the Community in regard to exports of certain textile products.

By virtue of the provisions of the agreements, the partners of the Community have not so far granted it any concessions in conformity with the principles of Part IV of the General Agreement.

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<sup>1</sup>This report is made in accordance with the calendar of biennial reports established by the Council and set out in L/5158.

TREND OF ALGERIA'S FOREIGN TRADE

(millions of US\$)

	1979	1980	1981
<u>Exports</u>			
World	9,863	15,624	14,112
EEC	3,484	6,195	6,717
Third countries	6,379	9,429	7,395
<u>Imports</u>			
World	8,407	10,544	11,302
EEC <sup>1</sup>	5,752	6,532	6,447
Third countries	2,655	4,012	4,855

<sup>1</sup> Greece, which joined the Community on 1 January 1981, is included only in the results for 1981.

Source: Data from UN - Geneva

TREND OF MOROCCO'S FOREIGN TRADE

(millions of US\$)

	1979	1980	1981
<u>Exports</u>			
World	1,959	2,403	2,320
EEC <sup>1</sup>	1,143	1,313	1,141
Third countries	816	1,090	1,179
<u>Imports</u>			
World	3,673	4,182	4,356
EEC <sup>1</sup>	1,780	1,853	1,768
Third countries	1,893	2,329	2,588

<sup>1</sup>Greece, which joined the Community on 1 January 1981, is included only in the results for 1981.

Source: Data from UN - Geneva

TREND OF TUNISIA'S FOREIGN TRADE

(millions of US\$)

	1979	1980	1981
<u>Exports</u>			
World	1,791	2,234	2,504
EEC <sup>1</sup>	1,048	1,196	1,499
Third countries	743	1,038	1,005
<u>Imports</u>			
World	2,842	3,522	3,771
EEC <sup>1</sup>	1,608	2,046	2,236
Third countries	1,234	1,476	1,535

<sup>1</sup> Greece, which joined the Community on 1 January 1981, is included only in the results for 1981.

Source: Data from UN - Geneva

TREND OF EGYPT'S FOREIGN TRADE

(millions of US\$)

	1979	1980	1981
<u>Exports</u>			
World	1,840	3,046	3,232
EEC <sup>1</sup>	932	1,301	1,215
Third countries	908	1,745	2,017
<u>Imports</u>			
World	3,837	4,860	8,839
EEC <sup>1</sup>	1,487	1,812	3,600
Third countries	2,350	3,048	5,239

<sup>1</sup> Greece, which joined the Community on 1 January 1981, is included only in the results for 1981.

Source: Data from UN - Geneva

TREND OF JORDAN'S FOREIGN TRADE

(millions of US\$)

	1979	1980	1981
<u>Exports</u>			
World	402	402	732
EEC <sup>1</sup>	21	20	18
Third countries	381	382	714
<u>Imports</u>			
World	1,949	2,394	3,149
EEC <sup>1</sup>	702	869	1,021
Third countries	1,247	1,525	2,128

<sup>1</sup> Greece, which joined the Community on 1 January 1981, is included only in the results for 1981.

Source: Data from UN - Geneva

TREND OF LEBANON'S FOREIGN TRADE

(millions of US\$)

	1979	1980	1981
<u>Exports</u>			
World	705	868	886
EEC <sup>1</sup>	60	79 <sup>2</sup>	62 <sup>2</sup>
Third countries	645	789 <sup>2</sup>	824 <sup>2</sup>
<u>Imports</u>			
World	2,414	3,650	3,499
EEC <sup>1</sup>	1,238	1,602 <sup>2</sup>	1,488 <sup>2</sup>
Third countries	1,176	2,048 <sup>2</sup>	2,011 <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Greece, which joined the Community on 1 January 1981, is included only in the results for 1981.

<sup>2</sup>Estimates

Source: Data from UN - Geneva

TREND OF SYRIA'S FOREIGN TRADE

(millions of US\$)

	1979	1980	1981
<u>Exports</u>			
World	1,645	2,108	2,103
EEC <sup>1</sup>	850	1 300	1 307
Third countries	795	800	796
<u>Imports</u>			
World	3,324	4,124	4,663
EEC <sup>1</sup>	1,195	1,372	1,446
Third countries	2,129	2,752	3,217

<sup>1</sup>Greece, which joined the Community on 1 January 1981, is included only in the results for 1981.

Source: Data from UN - Geneva