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EURO-MEDITERRANEAN ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND EGYPT

Notification from the Parties to the Agreement

The following communication, dated 3 September 2004, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the European Communities.

Notification Pursuant To Article XXIV:7(a) of GATT 1994

The Permanent Delegations of the European Communities and the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the WTO have the honour to inform the Members of the WTO that the Association Agreement between the European Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt, which was signed on 25 June 2001, entered into force on 1 June 2004.

The Association Agreement established *inter alia* a free trade area between the European Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt in the sense of Article XXIV of the GATT 1994.¹ The Association Agreement replaced the Cooperation Agreement, which was signed in 1977.

The joint notification is presented to the Council for Trade in Goods pursuant to part (a) of paragraph 7 of Article XXIV of GATT 1994 and the Understanding on the Interpretation of Article XXIV of GATT 1994.

The European Community and Egypt wish to express their willingness to the process of examination in accordance with the procedures agreed upon in the Committee on Regional Trade Agreements.

¹ The text of the Association Agreement will be circulated in document WT/REG177/1. The Agreement, including annexes, is also available at:
http://trade-info.cec.eu.int/doclib/docs/2004/june/tradoc_117680.pdf