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## The European Union and its ten Mediterranean partner countries: growing trading links

One of the strategic objectives of the Euro-Mediterranean partnership set out in the 1995 Barcelona Declaration is to create a free trade zone by 2010. This objective reflects and will add to a level of trade between the EU and the 10 Mediterranean partner countries<sup>1</sup> which is already considerable.

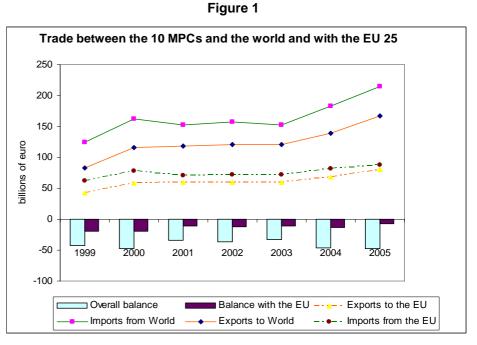
The economies of the MPCs already have a high degree of openness, and the EU is an essential partner for them.

Conversely, these countries are less important trading partners for the European Union, although trade flows with them have grown significantly over recent years.

The future free trade zone will also facilitate internal trade between the Mediterranean partner countries, which is limited at the moment.

## The 10 MPCs: open economies, with rising trade volumes, but generally trade deficits

The ten Mediterranean partner countries (MPCs) have particularly open economies (*Table 1*). In relation to GDP, the average degree of openness<sup>2</sup> was 35.6% in 2004, significantly higher than in 2000. The most open countries are Jordan, Israel and Tunisia. This degree of openness is similar to that of China (35% in 2004) or the European Union, if extra-Community and intra-Community trade flows are both taken into account.



Source: National data of the MPCs

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The 10 MPCs are: Algeria, West Bank and Gaza Strip, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia and Turkey.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The degree of openness is defined as the ratio of the average volume of external trade in goods and services to GDP.

These countries' trade grew sharply over the period 2000-2005, but with contrasting phases (Table 2 and Fig. 1). After very strong growth in 2000, their trade flows stagnated and remained stable for the following three years. 2004 and 2005 again saw high rates of growth. Over the entire period 2000-2005, the average annual growth in exports, measured in euro<sup>3</sup>, was 7.9%, significantly higher than the growth in world trade (+3.6%) or that of exports from the European Union to third countries (+4.6%). Turkey and Lebanon had the highest export growth rates, whilst Israel and Morocco had the lowest, apart from the Palestinian Authority, which saw its exports fall. Imports to the MPCs grew at a slightly slower rate (+5.8% per year on average over the same period), but still faster than the growth in world or EU imports.

#### Table 1: Degree of openness, as percentage of GDP

	2000	2004
TOTAL MPCs	31,5	35,6
Algeria	32,1	32,9
Egypt	19,6	28,8
Israel	42,5	46,7
Jordan	55,2	63,6
Lebanon	25,4	32,3
Morocco	34,5	36,2
Palestinian Authority	37,6	39,1
Syria	32,7	33,1
Tunisia	46,0	46,4
Turkey	27,8	31,8
EU25 (including intra-EU		
trade)	36,0	35,3
EU25 (excluding intra-	-,-	- , -
EU trade)	12,9	12,0
USA	13,1	12,7

Source: Eurostat, World Bank and National data of MPCs

Degree of openness = (imports+exports) / (2xGDP)

Table 2: Total trade of the MPCs (	(in billions of euro)
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	Imports		6	Variation	Annual growth	Exports V		Variation	Annual growth	Balance			rate of coverage*			
	2000	2004	2005	2005/2004	2000-2005	2000	2004	2005	2005/2004	2000-2005	2000	2004	2005	2000	2004	2005
Algeria	9,9	14,7	16,4	11,1	10,5	23,9	25,8	37,0	43,3	9,1	13,9	11,1	20,6	240,7	175,2	225,9
Egypt	15,2	10,7	16,0	49,0	1,0	5,1	6,4	8,6	34,9	11,0	-10,1	-4,4	-7,4	33,6	59,4	53,7
Israel	38,7	32,9	36,2	9,9	-1,3	34,0	31,0	34,4	10,7	0,2	-4,7	-1,9	-1,8	87,9	94,3	95,0
Jordan	5,0	6,5	8,4	28,4	11,0	2,1	3,1	4,0	27,6	14,1	-2,9	-3,4	-4,4	41,3	47,7	47,4
Lebanon	6,7	7,6	7,5	-0,7	2,2	0,8	1,4	1,6	12,4	15,3	-6,0	-6,2	-5,9	11,5	18,6	21,0
Morocco	12,5	14,3	16,7	16,7	6,0	8,0	8,0	9,0	12,9	2,3	-4,4	-6,4	-7,7	64,4	55,7	53,8
Palestine	2,6	1,9	-	-	-5,9	0,4	0,3	-	-	-10,3	-2,1	-1,7	-	16,8	13,2	-
Syria	4,1	5,7	7,6	33,4	12,9	5,0	4,3	6,4	47,6	4,9	0,9	-1,3	-1,2	121,4	76,4	84,5
Tunisia	9,3	10,2	10,6	3,4	2,7	6,3	7,8	8,4	8,3	5,9	-2,9	-2,5	-2,2	68,3	76,1	79,7
Turkey	58,6	78,4	93,9	19,7	9,9	29,8	50,7	59,1	16,4	14,7	-28,9	-27,7	-34,8	50,8	64,7	62,9
MPCs	162,6	183,1	215,1	17,5	5,8	115,4	138,8	168,6	21,5	7,9	-47,2	-44,2	-46,5	71,0	75,8	78,4

Source: National data of the MPCs

#### \*Rate of coverage = 100 x (Imports/Exports)

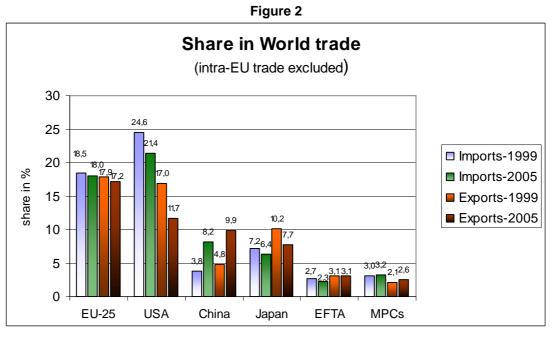
With the notable exception of Algeria, which saw increasing surpluses over the period 2000-2005, all the MPCs had trade deficits. Certain countries saw their deficit fall between 2000 and 2005 (Egypt, Israel, Tunisia), but others saw it grow (Jordan, Morocco, Syria, Turkey, although the rate of coverage improved for Jordan and Turkey). The overall deficit for all the MPCs together was fairly stable, at around 45 billion euro, between 2000 and 2005. As a result of the development of trade flows, the rate of coverage of imports by exports improved over the period to reach 78% in 2005. This rate is lowest for Lebanon and the

Palestinian Authority, particularly high for Algeria and is approaching balance for Israel.

The MPCs' share of world trade, although still small, is growing slowly (*Fig. 2*): in 2005, they accounted for 2.6% of world exports of goods (compared to 2.1% in 1999) and 3.2% of world imports (compared to 3.0% in 1999), whereas the United States, Japan and the European Union (to a lesser degree) saw their share of world trade fall. However, the growth achieved by the MPCs was much lower than that recorded by China over the same period.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The growth rate in international trade flows by value depends on the currency used as a reference, which means that this value is altered by exchange rate fluctuations. For example, the growth in world trade by value is 10% per year on average over the period 2000-2005 when exports are measured in dollars (compared to just 3.6% when measured in euro). The comparison of trade flows by volume, which would be more meaningful, assumes the availability of external trade price indices for all the countries concerned. This is one of the objectives of the Medstat II programme.



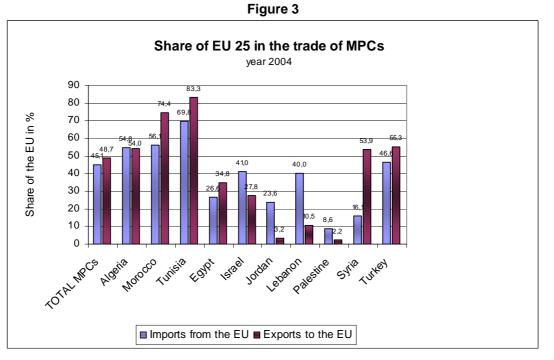
Source: WTO, Eurostat

#### The European Union is the leading partner of the MPCs

The EU is by far the most important partner of the MPCs (*Fig. 3 and Table 3*), taking almost half of all their exports (48.7% in 2004), and is their leading supplier, accounting for 45.1% of all purchases made by the MPCs. However, the share accounted for by the EU varies widely between the countries. For example, the North African countries tend to trade with the EU (which buys 83% of Tunisian exports or 74% of Moroccan exports, for example), but this share is much lower for Jordan, where just 3.2% of exports are destined for the

EU and which tends to export more to other Asian countries (Iraq, Saudi Arabia, India) and the USA. The same goes for Lebanon, which exports more to its neighbours than to the EU.

The European Union is also the most important supplier of the MPCs, accounting for 45% of the total value of their imports. Wide disparities can be found here too, in particular between the countries of North Africa, more than half of the imports to which come from the EU, and Syria (16.1%) or Jordan (23.6%).



Source: National data of the MPCs



The volume of trade between the Mediterranean partner countries themselves is fairly modest. Taking the MPCs as a whole, trade between them is limited to 4.5% of total imports and 6.2% of total exports. This low figure

could constitute a temporary difficulty in the creation of a free trade zone with the European Union. By comparison, the EU's internal trade represented 66.7% of all exports and 64.6% of all imports in 2005.

Table 3: Trade of the MPCs by partner country (in % of total trade) - Year 2004

DECLARANT:	Total MPCs	Algeria	Morocco	Tunisia	Egypt	Israel	Jordan	Lebanon	Syria	Turkey
Partner										
European Union of 25	45,1	54,8	56,1	69,8	26,6	41,0	23,6	40,0	16,1	46,6
USA	7,0	5,9	4,1	2,8	10,3	14,9	6,7	5,9	4,3	4,9
China (including Hong Kong)	5,3	5,1	4,4	2,5	5,3	6,3	9,0	7,7	7,0	4,7
other MPCs	4,5	5,8	4,1	4,3	7,4	3,0	11,5	9,7	10,6	3,0
other European countries	8,4	4,2	3,5	3,4	10,5	7,7	5,6	8,7	12,5	10,6
other Asian countries	15,0	10,2	13,6	6,8	16,8	10,9	38,6	18,2	25,3	15,6
other African countries	2,2	0,9	2,0	3,8	2,1	0,9	0,8	0,9	1,1	3,2
Oceania	0,5	0,7	0,2	0,1	3,0	0,2	1,2	0,5	0,3	0,3
other American countries	3,2	8,4	5,8	3,2	6,6	2,0	2,3	2,3	5,1	1,9
others	8,8	3,8	6,1	3,3	11,6	12,9	0,7	6,1	17,7	9, 2
World	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

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DECLARANT:	Total MPCs	Algeria	Morocco	Tunisia	Egypt	Israel	Jordan	Lebanon	Syria	Turkey
Partner										
European Union of 25	48,7	54,0	74,4	83,3	34,8	27,8	3,2	10,5	53,9	55,3
USA	16,7	23,6	3,9	1,2	7,4	36,7	22,6	2,8	3,4	7,7
China (including Hong Kong)	2,2	0,8	0,5	0,3	1,8	7,0	1,0	1,2	0,4	0,8
other MPCs	6,2	6,9	2,5	3,2	13,6	2,6	11,2	23,0	16,6	6,4
other European countries	4,3	0,7	1,9	0,6	2,1	3,2	2,4	11,0	2,2	8,3
other Asian countries	10,9	1,8	7,2	2,7	18,6	11,1	42,6	40,8	22,0	12,3
other African countries	1,8	0,2	2,9	4,6	4,5	1,3	4,0	8,2	1,3	1,7
Oceania	0,5	0,1	0,8	0,1	0,2	1,2	0,0	0,4	0,0	0,5
other American countries	4,1	12,0	4,1	0,9	1,1	4,6	0,2	1,1	0,2	1,4
others	4,4	0,0	1,9	3,1	15,8	4,7	12,7	1,0	0,1	5,6
World	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Source: National data of the MPCs

#### Differences between the MPCs in terms of products traded

Industrial products account for the bulk of external trade (almost two thirds of products exported and 70% of products imported (*Table 4*) for all ten Mediterranean partner countries. Food products and raw materials (other than energy products) represent only a fairly small proportion of these countries' trade. However, this general picture masks very different situations at the level of each country.

As far as exports are concerned, there is a clear contrast between those countries which focus on particular products (in particular, energy products) and those which are more diversified, with a greater emphasis on industrial products. Algeria is the country most representative of the former group, with energy representing more than 98% of its exports (of which 64% oil and 34% gas) in 2004. This focus on oil and gas makes Algeria's trade balance very susceptible to fluctuations in the prices of these commodities. To a lesser degree, energy products (mainly oil products) also account for a large proportion of exports from Syria

(67.6%) and Egypt (43.2%). The other Mediterranean countries that do not produce energy products, or produce very little, have a wider range of exports, with industrial products accounting for a majority of them. The share of industrial products in total exports is particularly high for Israel (94.8%), Turkey (85.9%) and Tunisia (77.7%). These countries export a fairly wide range of products, although cut diamonds represent 36% of exports from Israel, and the textile and clothing industry accounts for a large proportion of exports from Tunisia (37%) and Turkey (28%). In these three countries, the electronics industry also accounts for more than 10% of total exports. Food and agricultural products account for a significant share of exports from Morocco (18.1%) and the Palestinian Authority (17.0%). Finally, raw materials other than mineral fuels are significant exports for Jordan (phosphates and potash in particular) and Lebanon (cement and fertilisers).



With the exception of the Palestinian Authority, imports into the MPCs are mainly industrial products. The share of industrial products in total imports is particularly high for Israel, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco. Compared to the average for the MPCs, the proportion of agricultural and food products is significantly higher for the Palestinian Authority, Algeria and Egypt. Finally, mineral fuels are important imports for the Palestinian Authority, Lebanon and Jordan.

			Impo	orts			Exports							
	Food, beverages and tobacco (SITC 0+1)		Mineral fuels, lubricants and related material (SITC 3)	Industrial products (SITC \$5+6+7+8)	Others	Total	Food, beverage and tobacco (SITC 0+1)	Crude materials (SITC 2+4)		products (SITC	Others	I otal		
MPCs	7,4	6,1	12,9	70,7	2,9	100	6,5	3,5	24,0	65,3	0,7	100		
Algeria	19,6	4,6	0,9	74,9	0,0	100	0,2	0,4	98,2	1,3	0,0	100		
Egypt	18,8	11,4	8,3	50,5	11,0	100	9,3	9,5	43,2	32,1	5,9	100		
Israel	5,3	2,3	11,5	80,4	0,6	100	2,9	1,9	0,0	94,8	0,5	100		
Jordan	14,2	4,5	19,2	59,0	3,0	100	10,2	15,6	1,1	71,6	1,4	100		
Lebanon	14,1	3,8	21,1	57,3	3,7	100	13,4	10,8	0,3	64,5	11,1	100		
Morocco	8,7	6,9	16,6	67,6	0,2	100	18,1	9,5	4,5	67,8	0,2	100		
Palestine	24,4	2,9	27,8	44,9	0,0	100	17,0	6,7	3,4	72,9	0,0	100		
Tunisia	7,1	5,6	10,3	76,9	0,2	100	5,0	7,7	9,6	77,7	0,1	100		
Syria	14,7	6,6	7,3	65,9	5,4	100	13,8	5,4	67,6	11,4	1,7	100		
Turkey	2,1	7,7	14,8	71,6	3,8	100	8,9	2,6	2,3	85,9	0,3	100		

Source: National data of the MPCs

#### The MPCs account for a significant share of the EU's external trade

Together, the MPCs represented, in 2005, a significant trading partner for the European Union, equivalent, for example, to the rapidly developing Asian countries (*Fig. 4*). They take 9.5% of the EU's external exports, a figure which has remained stable since 2000, and provide 7.5% of products imported by the EU, an increase on the figure recorded in 2000 (6.5%). However, the proportion of the EU's external trade with the MPCs is still lower than with the USA (even though the share accounted for by the USA dropped significantly between 2000 and 2005) and the EFTA countries. The share of the MPCs was surpassed by China in 2004.

The EU has trade surpluses with all the MPCs except Algeria and Syria (*Table 5*). Overall, the trade surplus fell significantly between 2000 and 2005 because imports to the EU (+37.4%) rose more quickly than its exports (+22.9%). One of the effects of implementing the association agreements with the Mediterranean partner countries has therefore been to boost imports to the EU more than exports to the MPCs. During the period 2000-2005, the average annual growth rate of imports from the MPCs was 6.5%, compared to just 3.5% for all imports from outside the EU. Exports to the MPCs rose by 4.2% a year, slightly less than the overall rise in exports from the EU (4.6%).

	Impo	orts	Expo	orts	Bala	nce
	2000	2005	2000	2005	2000	2005
Algeria	16,6	20,9	6,2	10,4	-10,4	-10,5
Egypt	3,5	5,2	8,1	8,3	4,6	3,1
Israel	10,5	9,6	16,2	13,4	5,7	3,8
Jordan	0,2	0,4	1,7	2,3	1,5	1,9
Lebanon	0,3	0,2	2,9	3,0	2,6	2,8
Morocco	6,1	9,1	7,8	11,8	1,7	2,7
Palestine	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,0
Syria	3,6	3,0	1,8	2,8	-1,8	-0,2
Tunisia	5,6	6,8	7,3	7,9	1,7	1,1
Turkey	18,2	33,6	30,7	41,9	12,5	8,3
Total MPCs	64,6	88,8	82,8	101,8	18,2	13,0

Table 5: EU trade by MPCs (in billions of euro)

#### Source: Eurostat

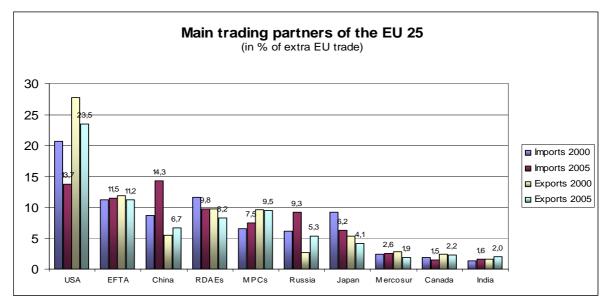
Of the MPCs, Turkey, Algeria, Israel and Morocco are the most important partners, with these four countries accounting for more than 75% of trade between the EU and the MPCs. The growth in EU imports has been particularly fast with Turkey (+84.6% between 2000 and 2005), Morocco (+48%) and Egypt (+47.5%), whilst imports have fallen with Israel and Syria. EU exports have grown considerably with Algeria (+67.7%), Morocco (+50.7%) and Turkey (+36.5%) and fallen with Israel.

In the EU, France, Germany and Italy are the main trading partners of the MPCs (*Table 6*). In 2005, these three countries accounted for 51.3% of the Union's total



imports from and 57.6% of its exports to the MPCs. The importance of the MPCs for a country's trade is usually the result of either historical links or geographical proximity. The EU countries generally run a trade surplus with the MPCs, with the biggest surpluses being those of Germany and France. Spain, the UK and Portugal, on the other hand, had trade deficits with these countries in 2005. Trade links between the MPCs and the ten new Member States which joined the EU in 2004 are generally unimportant, but certain countries have seen their trade volumes with them grow quite rapidly, particularly their exports (Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic).

#### Figure 4



Source: Eurostat

EFTA: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland

RDAEs (Rapidly developing Asian Economies): Hong Kong, South Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Taiwan. MERCOSUR (South American Common Market): Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay

	Import		Share of total tra	de (in %)	Expor	t	Share of total tra	de (in %)	Balance	)
l l	2000	2005	2000	2005	2000	2005	2000	2005	2000	2005
EU-25	64,53	88,52	6,5	7,5	82,87	101,81	9,7	9,5	18,3	13,3
Belgium	4,92	6,97	8,7	9,6	7,74	7,96	16,2	12,6	2,8	1,0
Czech Rep.	0,34	0,38	3,9	3,3	0,39	0,91	8,3	9,1	0,1	0,5
Denmark	0,36	0,71	2,6	4,0	0,72	0,75	4,3	3,7	0,4	0,0
Germany	12,76	12,82	6,4	5,7	16,50	21,04	7,7	7,4	3,7	8,2
Estonia	0,02	0,04	1,6	2,1	0,02	0,06	5,8	4,7	0,0	0,0
Ireland	0,48	0,42	2,3	2,3	1,26	0,90	4,2	2,8	0,8	0,5
Greece	1,04	1,47	7,7	7,6	1,32	1,28	22,9	19,6	0,3	-0,2
Spain	6,29	11,24	11,5	13,4	6,02	7,91	17,8	18,1	-0,3	-3,3
France	11,26	16,58		12,4	16,64	21,90		15,8	5,4	5,3
Italy	12,57	15,98	12,1	12,2	12,95	15,67	12,5	12,8	0,4	-0,3
Cyprus	0,29	0,46	20,8	28,8	0,05	0,05	28,5	13,6	-0,2	-0,4
Latvia	0,03	0,06	3,0	3,3	0,03	0,03	7,4	2,6	0,0	0,0
Lithuania	0,05	0,12	1,8	2,3	0,08	0,14	8,1	4,2	0,0	0,0
Luxembourg	0,02	0,03	1,0	0,7	0,10	0,21	8,1	13,2	0,1	0,2
Hungary	0,24	0,46	2,0	2,7	0,38	1,20		10,0	0,1	0,7
Malta	0,05	0,06	3,4	7,9	0,01	0,03	0,7	3,8	0,0	0,0
Netherlands	4,24	5,85	3,8	3,9	4,46	6,48	9,3	9,6	0,2	0,6
Austria	0,89	1,36		6,3	1,02	1,45		4,7	0,1	0,1
Poland	0,50	1,06	3,0	5,1	0,53	1,43	7,9	8,7	0,0	0,4
Portugal	0,67	1,65	6,6	14,2	0,41	0,59	8,3	9,5	-0,3	-1,1
Slovenia	0,22	0,52	8,1	14,7	0,15	0,31	5,5	6,0	-0,1	-0,2
Slovakia	0,06	0,15	1,4	2,4	0,12	0,37	8,0	9,8	0,1	0,2
Finland	0,16	0,34		2,1	1,36	1,39		6,0	1,2	1,0
Sweden	0,54	0,84	2,2	3,2	2,66	2,31	7,1	5,3	2,1	1,5
United Kingdom	6,54	8,95		4,9	7,97	7,47		5,6	1,4	-1,5

#### Table 6: Trade between EU 25 and the MPCs (in billions of euro)

Source: Eurostat



#### A trade structure largely stable and focusing on industrial products

Whilst the structure of the trade between the EU and the MPCs did not change radically between 2000 and 2005, some trends can be noted (*Table 7*). EU imports were mainly industrial products (59.4% in 2005) and energy products (25.2%). Since 2000, the share of industrial products has grown, whilst the share of energy products has fallen. Of the industrial products, growth in machinery and transport equipment has been particularly fast. Imports of road vehicles, mainly from Turkey, more than quadrupled over the period.

The share accounted for by industrial products remained very high for exports from the EU to the MPCs, with a clear focus on machinery and transport equipment.

The share of agricultural and food products has remained small, for both imports and exports. However, the EU now has a trade deficit with the MPCs in this sector.

A more detailed analysis by product and partner shows the coexistence of several types of trade, depending on the MPC (*Table 8*): trade in different products, as is the case for Algeria (import of energy products, export of industrial products); trade within the same sector, such as the textiles trade with Tunisia (exports of yarn and fabrics, imports of clothing), or intra-sector trade, such as that with Turkey in the automotive sector. The share of the latter two types of trade will doubtless grow in future, in anticipation of the Euro-Mediterranean free trade zone.

Table 7: Trade between th	EU 25 and the MPCs b	y group of products
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Imports				E	Exports		Structure of exports (in %)		Balance			
2000	2004	2005	2000	2005	2000	2004	2005	2000	2005	2000	2004	2005
4,1	5,0	5,9	6,3	6,7	4,7	4,1	4,6	5,7	4,5	0,7	-0,9	-1,3
2,1	2,5	2,5	3,3	2,9	2,3	2,8	3,0	2,8	3,0	0,2	0,3	0,5
18,1	16,2	22,3	28,0	25,2	2,6	2,8	4,5	3,1	4,4	-15,5	-13,4	-17,8
35,7	47,9	52,7	55,4	59,4	71,0	79,9	87,3	85,7	85,8	35,2	32,0	34,7
3,0	3,5	3,7	4,6	4,1	10,7	13,8	15,0	12,9	14,7	7,8	10,2	11,3
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23,1	28,3	28,9	35,7	32,5	23,7	25,4	26,3	28,6	25,9	0,6	-2,9	-2,5
9,7	16,1	20,2	15,1	22,7	36,6	40,8	46,0	44,1	45,2	26,9	24,7	25,8
4,5	3,7	5,2	7,0	5,8	2,3	1,9	2,3	2,7	2,3	-2,2	-1,8	-2,9
64,5	75,4	88,7	100	100	82,9	91,6	101,8	100	100	18,3	16,3	13,1
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Source: Eurostat

#### Table 8: Main products traded between the EU and the MPCs (millions of euro), in 2005

Products most imported by the EU		Products most exported by the EU							
SITC		SITC							
Algeria									
33 Petroleum	9975	78 Road vehicles	1407						
34 Natural gas	5373	79 Other transport equipment	1071						
Egypt									
33 Petroleum	1583	74 General industrial machinery and equipment	657						
34 Natural gas	752	79 Other transport equipment	555						
Israel									
66 Non-metallic mineral products	1944	66 Non-metallic mineral products	3452						
5 Vegetables and fruit	629	78 Road vehicles	929						
Jordan									
79 Other transport equipment	140	Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing 76 apparatus and equipment	305						
56 Fertilisers	38	78 Road vehicles	207						
Lebanon			201						
66 Non-metallic mineral products	18	33 Petroleum	576						
28 Metalliferous ores	10	54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	213						
Morocco	17		215						
79 Other transport equipment	2354	79 Other transport equipment	2710						
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	2288	65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, and related products	1182						
Palestinian Authority									
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials	3,8	78 Road vehicles	31						
27 Crude fertilisers	0,3	71 Power-generating machinery and equipment	9						
Syria	- , -		-						
33 Petroleum	2555	33 Petroleum	421						
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	83	72 Machinery for particular industries	242						
Tunisia									
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	2479	65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	1276						
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances n.e.c.	1067	77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances n.e.c.	846						
Turkey									
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	8170	78 Road vehicles	6793						
78 Road vehicles	5834	72 Machinery for particular industries, n.e.c.	2838						
PPM 10									
33 Petroleum	16165	78 Road vehicles	11134						
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	13465	77 Electrical machinery and apparatus n.e.c.	6359						



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