

# EU/Morocco Agreement: dispute settlement mechanism

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**PURPOSE:** to conclude an Agreement between the EU and Morocco establishing a Dispute Settlement Mechanism.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Council Decision.

**BACKGROUND:** on 24 February 2006, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with partners in the Mediterranean region in order to establish a dispute settlement mechanism related to trade provisions. These negotiations have been concluded and an Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco establishing a Dispute Settlement Mechanism was initialled on 9 December 2009.

It is now necessary to conclude the Agreement on behalf of the Union.

**IMPACT ASSESSMENT:** no impact assessment was carried out.

**LEGAL BASE:** the first sub-paragraph of Article 207(4), in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a)(v) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

**CONTENT:** with this draft decision, the Agreement between the EU and Morocco establishing a Dispute Settlement Mechanism is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision (see Council Doc. [13973/10](#)).

For further details on the content of this Agreement please refer to the previous initial legislative document dated 22/06/2010.

**BUDGETARY IMPLICATION:** the proposal has no implications for the Union's budget.