Macro-financial assistance to Tunisia

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The Committee on International Trade adopted the report by Vital MOREIRA (S&D, PT) the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council providing macro-financial assistance to the Republic of Tunisia.

The committee recommended that Parliament’s position in first reading following the ordinary legislative procedure should amend the Commission position as follows:

Amount of macro-financial assistance: the amount of macro-financial assistance to be granted to Tunisia has been increased from EUR 250 million to **EUR 300 million**, with a view to supporting Tunisia's economic stabilisation and reforms.

Individual rights and freedoms: in a recital, it has been stipulated that the Constitution being drawn up by the National Constituent Assembly of Tunisia includes some advances in the field of individual rights and freedoms and gender equality, which set Tunisia on the path towards democracy and the rule of law.

It should be noted that the amendments contained in the text reflect the considerations and principles contained in that Joint Declaration; and/or harmonise the wording of this proposal with the recitals and articles contained in the latest MFA decision (in particular Decision No 778/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 August 2013 providing further macro-financial assistance to Georgia).