

# Macro-financial assistance to Tunisia

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The European Parliament adopted by 488 votes to 51 with 17 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council providing macro-financial assistance to the Republic of Tunisia.

Parliament adopted its position at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure. The amendments adopted in plenary were the result of a compromise between Parliament and Council. They amend the Commission's proposal 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 was stipulated that the Constitution being drawn up by the National Constituent Assembly of Tunisia included 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 the 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 providing further macro-financial assistance to Georgia).