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Subject: Funding for Morocco

The Kingdom of Morocco is the country with the closest ties with the EU, owing to its 'advanced status'. The Commission will have noted that Morocco is honouring its commitments, in particular in relation to governance reforms and economic modernisation. If the EU wants Morocco to continue on this path, it is essential that further funding be provided in addition to that allocated to Morocco under the National Indicative Programme (NIP).

In order to do so, would it be possible to reallocate unused funds from the Cross-Frontier Cooperation Programme to Morocco? Furthermore, would the Commission agree that an increase in Neighbourhood Investment Facility subsidies for Moroccan projects is called for?

In more general terms, in view of its decision of 3 March 2010 adopting the NIPs for the 2011-2013 period, can the Commission confirm that the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument will comply with the agreement resulting from the statement which the Commission made to Coreper in 2006, under which one third of neighbourhood policy funds is to be allocated to countries to the East of the EU and two thirds to countries to the South?