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Subject: Economic measures to support the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

During the Syrian conflict, Jordan has shown true political engagement and carried out tremendous work in managing the influx of Syrian refugees. In this context, Jordan is currently facing a number of difficulties regarding its budgetary situation, public services and infrastructures. Further to the London conference on 'Supporting Syria and the Region' of 4 February 2016 and the EU-Jordan Compact, the EU needs to further strengthen its economic relationship with Jordan.

1. What is the state of play regarding the relaxation of rules of origin for imports from Jordan, which includes 18 industrial and development zones, and does the Commission have any figures assessing the consequences of such a relaxation?
2. What is the state of play with the discussions on the launch of DCFTA negotiations between the European Union and Jordan, and will the negotiations take into account the changing regional and political environment?
3. What kind of measures does the Commission intend to take in order to help Jordan and support the lowering of the interest rate on treasury bonds, and will the Commission coordinate with other global partners in providing such support?