

**Question for written answer E-002142/2022  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Boycott of Spanish products and failure to comply with the EU-Algeria Euro-Mediterranean Agreement

In a further development in the diplomatic crisis instigated by Algeria in response to Spain changing its position on Western Sahara, the President of Algeria, Abdelmadjid Tebboune, announced on 8 June that the Treaty of friendship, good neighbourliness and cooperation with Spain would be suspended. Bank bosses then received orders in writing to 'freeze direct debits and foreign trade transactions in products and services to and from Spain as of 9 June'. Such direct debits are compulsory in Algeria in order for trading activities to take place<sup>12</sup>.

There have also been reports that the Algerian Government has been pressurising Algerian import firms to curb imports of Spanish products and seek alternative suppliers<sup>3</sup>.

This unacceptable boycott of Spanish products constitutes a serious breach of the EU-Algeria Euro-Mediterranean Agreement signed in 2005.

In the light of the foregoing:

1. What steps will the Commission take to prevent Algeria boycotting Spanish products and to ensure that Algeria meets its obligations under the EU-Algeria Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement?
2. Will the Commission freeze the funds earmarked for Algeria in the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument if the boycott of Spanish products continues?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.elmundo.es/espana/2022/06/08/62a0c59ffc6c83e0478b45ef.html>;  
[https://www.elconfidencial.com/espana/2022-06-08/argelia-decreta-congelacion-comercio-exterior-espana\\_3439204/](https://www.elconfidencial.com/espana/2022-06-08/argelia-decreta-congelacion-comercio-exterior-espana_3439204/).

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.docdroid.com/DikYAiz/doc-09-jun-2022-1037-pdf>.

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.elconfidencial.com/espana/2022-06-08/argelia-insta-operadores-economicos-dejar-importar-productos-espanoles\\_3438466/](https://www.elconfidencial.com/espana/2022-06-08/argelia-insta-operadores-economicos-dejar-importar-productos-espanoles_3438466/).