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to the Commission

Subject: Agricultural imports from Morocco

The Spanish fruit and vegetable sector is extremely worried by the foreseeable outcome of the negotiations the Commission is holding on renewing the Association Agreement with Morocco. The granting of fresh customs concessions could mean that part of Spanish production will be driven out of the market.

In recent years, Moroccan tomato imports have been rising, and systematically exceeding the preferential quotas and causing imbalances in the Spanish market, without the Commission paying any attention to repeated complaints from the sectors affected.

Does the Commission plan to introduce any control measures which will guarantee that the Agreement's provisions on agriculture will be respected? Has the Commission investigated the Community market repercussions of the fresh concessions to Morocco?