

**Priority question for written answer P-000540/2023
to the Commission**
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Subject: Immediate action from the Commission in response to Algeria's trade boycott of Spain

In 2022, Algeria announced that it would unilaterally suspend its Treaty of friendship, good neighbourliness and cooperation with Spain, following the Spanish Government's change in position on the Western Sahara conflict. The Treaty's suspension marked the start of a trade boycott: Algeria banned almost all imports of Spanish products and prohibited Spanish businesses from accessing public procurement tenders.

Shortly thereafter, the Commission expressed its support for Spain and committed to putting an end to Algeria's economic blockade¹. However, the Commission has not yet implemented any measures and the boycott continues to harm Spanish businesses on a daily basis. What is more, Algeria's actions violate the association agreement that the country entered into with the EU in 2002.

In light of this:

1. Taking into account the harmful effects the Algerian boycott is having on an EU Member State, what measures will the Commission finally take to put an end to the boycott?
2. Will the Commission open an infringement procedure against Algeria for failing to comply with the EU-Algeria Association Agreement of 2002?

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¹ https://www.elespanol.com/mundo/europa/20220610/ue-amenaza-argelia-represalias-no-comercial-espana/679182379_0.html