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Subject: Unfair competition from Moroccan tomatoes

Agricultural trade between the EU and Morocco is governed by the EU-Morocco Association Agreement, expanded in 2012 to further liberalise agricultural trade. During the 2024/2025 season, Morocco exported around 570 000 tonnes of tomatoes to the EU, representing 70 % of EU imports from third countries, up 8 % over a year.

This competition is expected to intensify further: in Dakhla, a new plot of 5 200 hectares, irrigated by desalinated sea water, is set to be primarily used to grow vegetables, in particular tomatoes, mostly for export. This model raises serious environmental concerns, owing to the desalination process and transport to Europe in particular, as well as social concerns, because of the working conditions and differences in labour costs.

For years, however, the worries of European producer organisations about this unfair competition have fallen on deaf ears in the Commission.

When will the Commission finally react and take real measures to protect European producers from this competition, which is destroying their industries and jobs?

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