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Subject: EU-Tunisia negotiations on a free trade agreement

The negotiations between the EU and Tunisia to conclude a free trade agreement were set in motion on 13 October 2015. The agreement is intended to open up not only trade in goods, but also trade in services, as well as facilitating and safeguarding investment flows. On 18 April the High Representative/Commission Vice-President stated that the agreement was likely to strengthen the relationship between the EU and Tunisia, for the benefit of both sides, and, for the Tunisians, to increase business opportunities and reduce inequalities.

The first round of negotiations was held in Tunis from 18 to 21 April.

1. What was the outcome of these negotiations?

2. When will the second round take place?

3. How ambitious is the Tunisian attitude in the negotiations to the liberalisation of services?