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Since 2023, the Commission has issued a fourth Report on the impact and benefits for the population of Western Sahara of the extension of tariff preferences to products originating in Western Sahara¹. This was the report for the year 2023, issued on 15 March 2024 and covering trade flows until December 2022. In line with Decision N 1/2020 of the EU-Morocco Association Committee, Morocco has continued to transmit data upon request by the Commission, including on 15 July 2024 in view of a possible report in 2024.

In accordance with the 2018 Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters, the EU and Morocco agreed to an evaluation mechanism whereby information on the implementation of the agreement is exchanged. The Commission will make best efforts to produce a new report to evaluate the implementation of the 2018 Agreement. Under the terms of the 2025 Agreement, which applies provisionally since 3 October 2025, the EU and Morocco have agreed to continue this exchange of information to allow the parties to assess the impact of the 2025 Agreement.

¹ https://taxation-customs.ec.europa.eu/report-impacts-and-benefits-eu-morocco-agreement-extending-tariff-preferences-products-originating_en.