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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 1931**

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES**

The European Communities (Definition of Treaties)  
(Euro-Mediterranean Agreement Establishing an  
Association between the European Communities and their  
Member States and the Republic of Tunisia) Order 1996

*Made* - - - - *23rd July 1996*  
*Coming into force* - - *in accordance with*  
*Article 1*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 23rd day of July 1996

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas a draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament in accordance with section 1 of the European Communities Act 1972<sup>(1)</sup> and has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 1(3) of the European Communities Act 1972 or otherwise in Her Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Euro-Mediterranean Agreement Establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Tunisia) Order 1996. It shall come into operation in respect of the treaty specified in the Schedule to this Order on the date on which the Agreement comes into force for the United Kingdom. This date will be notified in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes.

2. The treaty specified in the Schedule to this Order is to be regarded as a Community Treaty as defined in section 1(2) of the European Communities Act 1972.

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(1) 1972 c. 68: section 1(2) was amended by the European Union (Accessions) Act 1994 c. 38.

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**Status:** *This is the original version (as it was originally made).*

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*N. H. Nicholls*  
Clerk of the Privy Council

## SCHEDULE

The Euro-Mediterranean Agreement Establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Tunisia<sup>(2)</sup>, signed at Brussels on 17th July 1995..

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order declares the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement Establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Tunisia, signed on 17 July 1995 by the Communities and the Member States, to be a Community Treaty as defined in section 1(2) of the European Communities Act 1972. The Agreement establishes an Association which has as one objective the provision of a framework for political dialogue between the Parties. Other objectives include establishing the conditions for the gradual liberalization of trade in goods, services and capital; promoting trade and the expansion of harmonious economic and social relations between the Parties; encouraging the integration of the Maghreb countries by promoting trade and co-operation between Tunisia and other countries of the region; and the promotion of economic, social, cultural and financial co-operation. The principal effect of declaring this Agreement to be a Community Treaty as so defined is to bring into play in relation to it the provisions of section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 which provides for the implementation of treaties so specified.

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(2) Cm. 3159.