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Dear Mr. Thomas WAITZ,

As the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco in Vienna, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your unwavering commitment to the promotion and strengthening of relations between Morocco and European Union as well as for your valuable support in defending the European Union-Moroccan partnership.

In this spirit, and looking forward to working with you to further enhance the bilateral cooperation between the Kingdom of Morocco and your country Austria, I would like to inform you that, as part of the consideration by the European Parliament of the Moroccan-European Union Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters allowing the adaptation of the Agricultural Agreement, the rapporteur Patricia LALONDE of the INTA Committee prepared a non-legislative resolution draft which accompanies the Committee's draft opinion recommending the approval of the said Exchange of Letters.

Some members of other Committees (AGRI, AFET and PECH) elaborated, however, some draft opinions and wanted to incorporate hostile amendments of a political and technical nature in the above non-legislative resolution draft of the INTA Committee.

The INTA Committee should vote, by 3rd December 2018, all the texts, including the amendments to be communicated to it by the other Committees for opinion. The political groups should agree, by 15th November 2018, on the entire amendments tabled by the four Committees and the vote at the plenary session is due in January 2019.

My country firmly believes that these politically motivated amendments contained in articles 24, 25, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 37, 38, 40, 41, 42, 44, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52, 53 and 62 and the technical ones related to articles 1, 2, 5, 7, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 29, 36, 50 and 59 are obviously unjustified and neither helpful nor constructive. These amendments don't even deal with matters falling within the AGRI Committee's field of competence.

The AGRI Committee, whose rapporteur is recommending the adoption of Exchange of Letters, is supposed to vote these amendments as well as the draft opinion during its meeting due to take place either on 5th or 12th November 2018.


As you know, Morocco, which has long-standing, deep-rooted and diversified relations with the European Union, remains its privileged partner. Enjoying of a political stability in North Africa region, Morocco, as a reliable partner of the EU for several decades, is determined to preserve this partnership and to develop it in its various dimensions.

The partnership between Morocco and European Union is rich and multidimensional. Definitely, it is not only economic but strategic in the context of the fight against terrorism, migratory flows and security issues. Subsequently, the European Parliament remains a key player in strengthening this distinguished relationship.

In this regard, and in view of the consideration and adoption of these amendments by the AGRI Committee, as well as of the importance of preserving the constructive spirit of the cooperation between Morocco and European Union, I would be most grateful if you could take part in the AGRI Committee meeting of 5th/12th November 2018 and the other meetings and vote against all these unproductive amendments. I will also be very thankful to you to highlight and stress the strategic character and the importance of the partnership between Morocco and the European Union.

Please accept, dear Mr. Thomas WAITZ, my highest consideration.

The Ambassador


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