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Negotiations between Morocco and the EEC

On 12 July negotiations between Morocco and the EEC opened in Brussels with a view to the conclusion of an agreement in accordance with the Declaration of Intention annexed to the Treaty of Rome.

The Moroccan delegation was led by H.E. Bensalem Guessous, head of the Moroccan mission to the EEC, and the delegation for the EEC Commission by M. Axel Herbst, Director-General for External Relations.

The negotiations are the outcome of a decision adopted by the EEC Council of Ministers at its session of 14-15 June 1965.

The first round of talks lasted from 12 to 14 July. A broad exchange of views was held regarding a preferential system for EEC-Morocco trade in both agricultural produce and manufactures.

The Moroccan delegation recalled its statements during the exploratory talks as to the importance it attaches to the establishment of co-operation arrangements between the Community and Morocco in the technical, financial and manpower fields.

The conversations took place in a cordial atmosphere of mutual understanding. It was agreed that the delegations should meet again in the first fortnight of October.
