

Washington, D.C.  
June 15, 2004

The Honorable Taïb Fassi Fihri  
Minister Delegate for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation  
Kingdom of Morocco

Dear Minister Fassi Fihri:

In connection with the signing on this date of the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement, I have the honor to confirm the following:

The United States shares the Kingdom of Morocco's interest in ensuring that the Government of Morocco is able to administer its antidumping and countervailing duty laws in an effective manner, consistent with its obligations under the WTO Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 ("AD Agreement") and the WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures ("SCM Agreement").

To this end, the United States will continue to provide technical assistance to Moroccan government officials with respect to administering antidumping and countervailing duty proceedings, consistent with Morocco's obligations under the AD Agreement and the SCM Agreement and subject to each Government's funding procedures. As part of such technical assistance, the United States will provide information regarding how it administers its antidumping and countervailing duty laws.

The technical assistance may consist of training seminars and workshops in Rabat and/or Washington, D.C., and ongoing informal communications between officials of Morocco's Ministry of Foreign Trade and the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. International Trade Commission, in order to develop capacities of the officials of Morocco's Ministry of Foreign Trade in charge of administering the antidumping and countervailing duty laws. The technical assistance may also take such other forms as our Governments may agree.

The United States will also conduct informational seminars open to Moroccan producers and exporters to increase general awareness of unfair trade remedies, subject to each Government's funding procedures. Such seminars might include discussion of the purpose of unfair trade remedies, common procedures used in trade remedy cases, and international agreements that relate to trade remedies.

With a view to maximizing the effect of the technical assistance to be provided to the Moroccan government officials and the informational seminars addressed to Moroccan producers and exporters, our Governments will jointly develop a work plan.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Zoellick