

UNITED STATES – MEASURES RELATING TO ZEROING AND SUNSET REVIEWS

Communication from the Chairman of the Panel

The following communication, dated 15 November 2005, addressed to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 12.9 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU).

Article 12.8 of the DSU stipulates that the period in which a panel shall conduct its examination, from the date that the composition and terms of reference of the panel have been agreed upon until the date that the final report is issued to the parties, shall, as a general rule, not exceed six months.

Article 12.9 of the DSU states that when a panel considers that it cannot issue its report within six months, it shall inform the DSB in writing of the reasons for the delay, together with an estimate of the period within which it will issue its report.

The Panel on *United States – Measures Relating to Zeroing and Sunset Reviews* (WT/DS322) was established by the DSB on 28 February 2005, and the Director-General composed the Panel on 15 April 2005.

It will not be possible for the Panel to complete its work within six months of the date of composition, *inter alia*, due to the complexity of the issues and other unavoidable postponements in the timetable for the work of the Panel.

The Panel hopes to complete its work by March 2006.
