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**IMPOSITION BY EGYPT OF A PROVISIONAL SAFEGUARD MEASURE
ON IMPORTS OF RAW AND WHITE SUGAR**

**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.5 OF THE RESULTS OF CONSULTATIONS
UNDER ARTICLE 12.4**

The following communication, dated 17 April 2013, is being circulated at the request of the Delegations of Egypt and the European Union.

We enclose a notification pursuant to Article 12.5 of the *Agreement on Safeguards*, of the results of consultations under Article 12.4 of that Agreement which took place between Egypt and the European Union on 26 March 2013 in relation to the imposition of provisional safeguard measures by Egypt on imports of raw and white sugar. The measures were notified to the WTO Committee on Safeguards on 5 December 2012.

Pursuant to Article 12.5 of the Agreement on Safeguards, and in light of the agreed format for notifications (G/SG/1/Rev.1, 5 November 2009), Egypt and the European Union provide the following notification to the Council for Trade in Goods.

1 Specify the provision under which consultations were held

Article 12.4.

2 Provide reference to the WTO document that notified the safeguard action regarding which consultations were held

WTO document G/SG/N/6/EGY/8-G/SG/N/7/EGY/7-G/SG/N/11/EGY/6, dated 5 December 2012 and corrigendum G/SG/N/6/EGY/8/Corr.1-G/SG/N/7/EGY/7/Corr.1-G/SG/N/11/EGY/6/Corr.1, dated 7 December 2012.

3 Specify the Members involved in the consultations and provide the time period during which consultations were held

The Members involved in the consultations were Egypt and the European Union. The consultations took place on 26 March 2013.

4 Describe the results of the consultations

The consultations were aimed at clarifying the factual and legal issues related to the imposition of provisional measures. The European Union submitted questions in writing before the consultations (annexed to the request for consultations G/SG/107) concerning the increase in imports, the determination of serious injury, the application of the provisional safeguard measures and the notification and consultation obligations related to the investigation.

During the consultation Egypt provided certain explanation in response to the questions raised and concluded that all the information requested would be clearly laid out in the final report of the investigation.

The European Union expressed its appreciation for the consultation and the answers provided, whilst noting that given the importance of the case its concerns will be raised at the next regular meeting of the Committee on Safeguards.
