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Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Guatemala

The following communication, dated 7 November 1997, from the Permanent Mission of Guatemala to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission, the Permanent Mission of Panama and to the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4:11 of the DSU.

The Government of Guatemala has taken note of the request for consultations by Panama (document WT/DS105/1 of 29 October 1997) concerning the European Communities' Regime for the Importation, Sale and Distribution of Bananas as established through Regulation 404/93 and the legislation which implements, supplements or amends that regime.

In view of its trade interest and taking into account the provisions of Article 6 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures, Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, and other relevant provisions, the Government of Guatemala requests to join the consultations under Article XXII of the GATT 1994.