

**UNITED STATES - SECTIONS 301-310 OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Jamaica*

The following communication, dated 9 December 1998, from the Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the Permanent Mission of the United States, the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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The Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the World Trade Organization presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the WTO and hereby informs that the Government of Jamaica takes note of the request of the European Communities (as indicated in WTO Note WT/DS152/1 of 30 November 1998) for the holding of consultations with the Government of the United States of America.

The Permanent Mission of Jamaica, notwithstanding and in light of its significant and substantial interest in this matter, which arises as a result of the implementation problem of the Banana Dispute (WT/DS27) to which Jamaica is a third party, requests to be joined in these consultations.

This request is without prejudice to the validity of the arguments adduced as set out in WT/DS27/18 which remain to be decided by the DSB.

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