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Communication from the European Communities

The following communication, dated 24 August 1998, from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 21.3 of the DSU.

Pursuant to Article 21.3 of the DSU, the European Communities has the obligation to inform, within 30 days after the adoption of the panel and Appellate Body reports, the Dispute Settlement Body of their intentions in respect of the implementation of the DSB's recommendations regarding "European Communities – Measures Affecting the Importation of Certain Poultry Products".

At the DSB of 23 July 1998 it was agreed that it would not be necessary to call a meeting for this purpose, as the EC would make a written statement by 23 August 1998. Therefore, I hereby wish to inform the Dispute Settlement Body that the Communities intend to fulfil their obligations under the WTO Agreement in respect of this matter and will require a reasonable period of time to do so.