

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – REGIME FOR THE IMPORTATION,
SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF BANANAS**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Belize

The following communication, dated 4 February 1999, from the Permanent Mission of Belize to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission and the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

The Mission of Belize to the European Communities and Permanent Mission to the World Trade Organization presents its compliments to the Permanent Delegation of the European Communities to the World Trade Organization and makes reference to the request from the Permanent Representatives of Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama and the United States of 20 January 1999 for consultations with the European Communities on the EC Banana Regime established under Regulation 404/93 as amended by Regulations 1637/98 and 2362/98.

The Government of Belize wishes to be joined to these consultations given its substantial interest in the measures being adopted by the European Communities in respect of its banana regime and as evidenced by Belize's participation along with members of the ACP Group of states in the previous panels established under GATT and the WTO.

The Mission of Belize to the European Communities and Permanent Mission to the World Trade Organization avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Delegation of the European Communities to the World Trade Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.
