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

Arbitration under Article 21.3(c) of the *Understanding  
on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*

The following communication, dated 23 December 1997, from the arbitrator, Mr. Said El-Naggar to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 21.3(c) of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*.

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It is my honour to transmit to you my Arbitration Award in *European Communities - Regime for the Importation, Sale and Distribution of Bananas*, pursuant to Article 21.3(c) of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*. It will remain confidential until the official date of circulation on Wednesday, 7 January 1998.

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