

**UNITED STATES – PROVISIONAL ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES
ON SHRIMP FROM THAILAND**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from India

The following communication, dated 23 December 2004, from the delegation of India to the delegation of the United States, the delegation of Thailand and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the Government of India hereby notifies its desire to be joined in the consultations requested by the Permanent Mission of Thailand to the Permanent Mission of the United States and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) pursuant to Article 4 of the Understanding on the Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), Article XXII: 1 of General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994) and Article 17.3 and 17.4 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (the Anti-dumping Agreement) with respect to the provisional anti-dumping measures imposed by the United States on certain frozen and canned warmwater shrimp from Thailand. The 9 December 2004 communication from the Permanent Mission of Thailand to the Permanent Mission of the United States was circulated to WTO Members on 14 December 2004 (WT/DS324/1; G/L/726; G/ADP/D59/1).

India has substantial trade interest in the consultations on the matter in the dispute, as well as systemic interest in the matter of calculation of dumping margins and other provisions of the Anti-Dumping Agreement. As is clear from the federal regulations of the United States referred to in footnotes 1 and 2 in the document WT/DS324/1 dated 14 December 2004, the challenged measures include initiation and Preliminary Determination in respect of anti-dumping investigations on the same products from India as well. That India has a substantial trade interest in the matter is evidenced also by the fact that India has significant exports of the relevant shrimp to the United States. India's exports to the United States in the year 2003 were US \$400 million.

We would be grateful of being informed of the date and venue of consultations, so as to enable us to participate in the consultations.
