

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - MEASURES AFFECTING THE IMPORTATION
AND INTERNAL SALE OF CIGARETTES**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Guatemala

The following communication, dated 23 October 2003, from the Permanent Mission of Guatemala to the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic, the Permanent Mission of Honduras and the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

I have been instructed by my Government to notify its desire, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), for Guatemala to be joined, as a third party, in the consultations "Dominican Republic - Measures Affecting the Importation and Internal Sale of Cigarettes" requested by Honduras under Article 4 of the DSU and Article XXII.1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994, in view of Guatemala's substantial trade interest as an exporter to the Dominican Republic of products which would be subject to the measures addressed by these consultations.

The Government of Guatemala looks forward to receiving information on the date and venue of the consultations.
