

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

Request by Brazil Regarding Consultations by Ecuador

The following communication, dated 19 November 1998, from the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission, the Permanent Mission of Ecuador and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to the procedure provided for under Article 21.5 of the DSU.

I wish to inform you that Brazil, due to its substantial trade interest, wishes to join in the consultations requested by the Government of Ecuador (see document WT/DS27/30) to examine compliance with the recommendations and rulings of the DSB concerning the case *European Communities - Regime for the Importation, Sale and Distribution of Bananas*.

Brazil has become the second largest producer of bananas and any decision taken by the EC concerning licensing and quota allocation for bananas is of significant interest to Brazilian exporters.
