

**UNITED STATES – ANTI-DUMPING DETERMINATIONS
REGARDING STAINLESS STEEL FROM MEXICO**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from the European Communities

The following communication, dated 19 January 2005, from the delegation of the European Communities to the delegation of the United States, the delegation of Mexico 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 European Communities hereby notifies the Government of the United States that, in the light of the substantial trade interest of the European Communities, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by Mexico in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 10 January 2005 (WT/DS325/1, G/L/727, G/ADP/D60/1) entitled "*United States – Anti-Dumping Determinations regarding Stainless Steel from Mexico*".

The United States has imposed anti-dumping duties on imports from certain EC Member States of the same product. The European Communities has referred the anti-dumping duties in question and administrative reviews to a Panel notably because of the use of "zeroing" (DS294 – *United States – Laws, Regulations and Methodology for Calculating Dumping Margins (zeroing)*). The European Communities is also a major exporter to the United States and its exports are subject to a substantial number of anti-dumping measures.

The European Communities has therefore a substantial trade interest in the requested consultations as they relate to the correct application by the United States of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994, and more specifically to the methodology used to determine the dumping margin as shown by its own recourse to the WTO dispute settlement procedure on this issue (DS294).
