

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

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Costa Rica

The following communication, dated 9 September 1998, from the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the Permanent Missions of the European Community, Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico and the United States of America and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body is circulated pursuant to the procedure provided for under Article 21.5 of the DSU.

In a communication dated 18 August 1998 and distributed on 31 August 1998 under the symbol WT/DS27/18, the Permanent Missions of Ecuador, the United States, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico requested the holding of consultations with the European Community on compliance with the conclusions and recommendations of the Dispute Settlement Body in *European Communities - Regime for the Importation, Sale and Distribution of Bananas* (WT/DS27).

Pursuant to the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, in particular with Article 4 thereof, and on the basis of its substantial trade interest as one of the main suppliers of bananas in the European Community market, the Government of Costa Rica notifies its desire to be joined in the said consultations as a third party.
