

**UNITED STATES – IMPORT MEASURES ON CERTAIN PRODUCTS
FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Ecuador

The following communication, dated 15 March 1999, from the Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the Permanent Mission of the United States, the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

I refer to the communication submitted by the Permanent Representative of the European Communities on 4 March 1999 requesting consultations with the United States on the measure adopted by the United States Government on 3 March 1999 requiring importers of a specified list of products of European origin to lodge a prior deposit in the form of a bond equivalent to 100 per cent of the value of the goods.

Ecuador wishes to be joined in these consultations pursuant to the rights accruing to it under Article XXII of GATT 1994 and Article 4.11 of the DSU.

I should be grateful if you would let me know the date on which these consultations are to be held.
