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Communication from the Dominican Republic

The following communication, dated 21 February 1996, from the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission, the Permanent Missions of Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and the United States, and the Chairman of the DSB, is circulated at the request of the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic.

The Government of the Dominican Republic wishes to notify you of its interest in being joined in the consultations requested by the Governments of Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and the United States of America (USA) with the European Union pursuant to Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, in connection with the European Union's regime for the importation of bananas established by Regulation 404/93. The request was dated 5 February 1996.

The Government of the Dominican Republic makes this notification pursuant to Article 4, paragraphs 10 and 11, of the WTO Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes and because it considers that it has a substantial interest in the above-mentioned consultations, since any change in the European Union's regime for the importation of bananas would seriously impair the Dominican banana industry.