

**UNITED STATES – SECTION 306 OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974
AND AMENDMENTS THERETO**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Canada

The following communication, dated 23 June 2000, from the Permanent Mission of Canada 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.

Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the Government of Canada hereby notifies its desire to be joined in consultations requested by the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission pursuant to Article 4 of the DSU and Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994), with regard to Section 306 of the Trade Act of 1974, as last amended by Section 407 of the Trade and Development Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-200). The 5 June 2000 communication from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the Permanent Mission of the United States was circulated to WTO Members on 13 June 2000 (WT/DS200/1; G/L/386).

Canada has a substantial trade interest in the consultations. In Canada's view, "trade interest" in Article 4.11 is not limited to an immediate commercial interest but rather is wide enough to encompass both commercial and systemic interests. As a frequent participant in DSU dispute settlement proceedings, Canada has a significant trade interest in the proper interpretation of the provisions of the WTO Agreement cited by the European Communities in its request for consultations.
