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UNITED STATES – ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES ON CERTAIN SHRIMP FROM VIET NAM

REQUEST BY VIET NAM FOR ARBITRATION UNDER ARTICLE 21.3(C) OF THE DSU

The following communication, dated 17 September 2015, from the delegation of Viet Nam to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated at the request of that delegation.

On 22 April 2015, the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) adopted its recommendations and rulings in the dispute *US – Anti-dumping Measures on Certain Shrimp from Viet Nam* (DS429). In its statement at the meeting of the DSB held on 20 May 2015, the United States announced its intention to implement the DSB's recommendations and rulings in this dispute and stated that it would need a reasonable period of time in which to do so.

Pursuant to Article 21.3(b) of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU) Viet Nam has held consultations with the United States regarding the length of the reasonable period of time. However, the parties have been unable to reach an agreement. As a result, Viet Nam requests that the reasonable period of time be determined through binding arbitration pursuant to Article 21.3(c) of the DSU.

Viet Nam is prepared to enter into consultation with the United States on the appointment of the arbitrator within the next ten days pursuant to footnote 12 of the DSU.

We respectfully request that you circulate this notification to the Members of the DSB.
