

**UNITED STATES – ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES ON
CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED STEEL PRODUCTS FROM JAPAN**

Surveillance of Implementation of Recommendations and Rulings

*Acceptance of the Appointment as Arbitrator under Article 21.3(c) of the
Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*

The following communication, dated 10 December 2001, from Mr. Florentino P. Feliciano to the Permanent Mission of Japan and the Permanent Mission of the United States, is circulated to WTO Members.

I have the honour to refer to your joint letter, dated 6 December 2001, in which you indicate your agreement to appoint me as arbitrator pursuant to Article 21.3(c) of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (the "DSU") to determine the reasonable period of time for the United States to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB in *United States – Anti-Dumping Measures on Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Products from Japan* (WT/DS184). I write to inform you that I accept the appointment.

I take note also of your communication WT/DS184/10, dated 21 November 2001, explaining that both parties have agreed to extend the deadline for arbitration allotted by Article 21.3(c) of the DSU, and requesting that this arbitration be completed no later than 19 February 2002.
