

**COLOMBIA – CUSTOMS MEASURES ON IMPORTATION
OF CERTAIN GOODS FROM PANAMA**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Thailand

The following communication, dated 4 August 2006, from the delegation of Thailand to the delegation of Colombia, the delegation of Panama and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU), the Kingdom of Thailand hereby notifies the consulting parties and the Dispute Settlement Body of its desire to be joined in the consultations requested by Panama in a communication circulated on 25 July 2006 (WT/DS348/1).

As a significant global exporter of textiles, including to the Colombian market, the Kingdom of Thailand has a substantial trade and systemic interest in the subject of Panama's consultations request. It is the Kingdom of Thailand's understanding that its exports of, *inter alia*, textiles to the Colombian market are subject to some of the measures cited by Panama in its request for consultations. Hence, the Kingdom of Thailand requests to be joined in the consultations requested by Panama in this matter.

I look forward to receiving confirmation of receipt and acceptance of this request, and advice regarding the timing and venue for these consultations.
