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Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Ecuador

The following communication, dated 25 January 1999, from the Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission and the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

I refer to the communication submitted by the Permanent Representatives of Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama and the United States on 20 January 1999 requesting consultations with the European Communities on the EC banana import regime established under Regulation 404/93 as amended by Regulations 1637/98 and 2362/98.

Ecuador wishes to be joined in these consultations pursuant to the rights accruing to it under Article XXII of GATT 1994 and Article 4.11 of the DSU.

I should be very grateful if you would let me know the date on which these consultations are to be held.