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**UNITED STATES – ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES ON CERTAIN OIL
COUNTRY TUBULAR GOODS FROM KOREA**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PANEL

The following communication, dated 19 December 2016, was received from the Chairperson of the Panel with the request that it be circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body.

Article 12.8 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU) provides that the period in which a panel shall conduct its examination, from the date that the composition and terms of reference of the panel have been agreed upon until the date the final report is issued to the parties to the dispute, shall, as a general rule, not exceed six months.

Article 12.9 of the DSU provides that, when a panel considers that it cannot issue its report within six months, it shall inform the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) in writing accordingly and indicate the reasons, together with an estimate of the period within which it will issue its report.

The Panel on *United States – Anti-Dumping Measures on Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods from Korea* (WT/DS488) was established by the DSB on 25 March 2015 and composed on 13 July 2015.

The letter of the Chairperson of the Panel to the DSB on 12 January 2016 indicated that the beginning of the Panel's work was delayed as a result of a lack of available experienced lawyers in the Secretariat and that the Panel did not expect to issue its final report to the parties before the end of 2016.

Following an additional delay as a result of the need to appoint a new Chairperson of the Panel and due to the complexity of the issues raised by the parties in this dispute, the Panel now expects to issue its final report to the parties by June 2017.
