

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – CONDITIONS FOR THE GRANTING
OF TARIFF PREFERENCES TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Colombia

The following communication, dated 21 March 2002, from the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission, the Permanent Mission of India and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

I refer to the communication dated 5 March 2002, circulated in document WT/DS246/1, G/L/521, in which India requests consultations with your delegation regarding the conditions under which the European Union accords tariff preferences to the developing countries under its current scheme of generalized tariff preferences (the GSP scheme).

In view of Colombia's substantial interest in these preferences, we hereby request to be joined in the consultations in accordance with our rights under the multilateral system, and in particular, pursuant to paragraph 4 of the Decision of 28 November 1979 of the GATT Contracting Parties on Differential and More Favourable Treatment, Reciprocity and Fuller Participation of Developing Countries (L/4903, BISD 26S/203) (the Enabling Clause).

I would be grateful if you would inform me of the date and place of these consultations.
