

**CHINA – MEASURES RELATED TO THE EXPORTATION
OF VARIOUS RAW MATERIALS**

Communication from the Chairman of the Panel

The following communication, dated 19 October 2010, addressed to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), is circulated in accordance with Article 12.9 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU).

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 of the reasons for the delay, together with an estimate of the period within which it will issue its report.

The Panel on *China – Measures Related to the Exportation of Various Raw Materials* (WT/DS394, WT/DS395, WT/DS398) was established by the DSB on 21 December 2009, and composed on 30 March 2010.

The timetable agreed after consultations with the Parties envisages the proceedings will be finalized by April 2011. The Panel expects to conclude its work within that time-frame.
