

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – MEASURES AFFECTING DIFFERENTIAL
AND FAVOURABLE TREATMENT OF COFFEE**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Colombia

The following communication, dated 16 December 1998, from the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

The Government of Colombia takes note of the request for consultations by Brazil concerning the special treatment granted by the European Communities to products originating in Andean Group countries and Central American Common Market countries (document WT/DS154/1 of 11 December 1998).

Under recital 15, Article 3 and Annex V to Regulation (EC) No. 1256/96, Colombia enjoys the tariff preferences granted to countries undertaking effective programmes to combat drug production and trafficking. Considering that a significant share of our trade with the European Communities is covered by these preferences, Colombia has a substantial interest in this matter.

Consequently, in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU, the Government of Colombia asks to be joined in these consultations.
