

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

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Venezuela

The following communication, dated 20 March 2002, from the Permanent Mission of Venezuela 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 wish to inform you that Venezuela is interested in being joined in the consultations to be held between the European Communities (EC) and India concerning "European Communities - Conditions for the Granting of Tariff Preferences to Developing Countries", DS/246.

Our request is specifically based on Venezuela's substantial trade interest in this matter, in accordance with Article 4.11 of the WTO dispute settlement procedures.
