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EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – CERTAIN MEASURES PROHIBITING THE IMPORTATION AND MARKETING OF SEAL PRODUCTS

COMMUNICATION FROM CANADA

The following communication, dated 1 December 2014, from the delegation Canada to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated at the request of that delegation.

With reference to the above-mentioned dispute for which a Panel was established on 25 March 2011, Canada has been informed that the measures at issue, which were taken by Belgium and the Netherlands and concerned the importation, transportation, manufacturing, marketing and sale of seal products, have been repealed.

As a result, the Government of Canada would like to terminate the panel composition process and formally withdraw its complaint on this matter. Canada is making this request without prejudice to its position that the measures at issue are WTO-inconsistent and to its views on the various factual and legal issues outlined in its request for the establishment of a panel (WT/DS369/2).

Canada asks that you circulate this notification to the relevant Councils and Committees as well as to the DSB.