

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC – MEASURES AFFECTING THE IMPORTATION AND  
INTERNAL SALE OF CIGARETTES**

Arbitration under Article 21.3(c) of the *Understanding  
on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*

Note by the Secretariat

By joint letter dated 29 July 2005, the parties to the above-mentioned arbitration (Honduras and the Dominican Republic) requested that the arbitration proceedings be suspended so as to allow the parties to further explore the possibility of reaching an agreement on a reasonable period of time for implementation of the recommendations and rulings of the Dispute Settlement Body in regard of the original *Dominican Republic – Measures Affecting the Importation and Internal Sale of Cigarettes* proceedings. By letter dated 4 August 2005, the Arbitrator acknowledged receipt of the joint letter and agreed to treat the matter as suspended until further notice.

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