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**ECUADOR – DEFINITIVE ANTI-DUMPING MEASURE ON CEMENT  
FROM MEXICO**

Request for Consultations by Mexico

The following communication, dated 15 March 2000, from the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the Permanent Mission of Ecuador and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.4 of the DSU.

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On instructions from the corresponding authorities of the Government of Mexico, I hereby request formal consultations under Article 17.3 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (the Anti-Dumping Agreement), Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, and Article XXIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994, of the World Trade Organization.

The consultations requested refer to the definitive anti-dumping measure of 20 per cent on the c.i.f. value of cement imports from Mexico falling under tariff heading 2523.29.00 imposed by the authorities of your Government, through publication in the Official Register No. 361 of 14 January 2000, as well as the actions that preceded it. In the view of the Government of Mexico, the definitive anti-dumping measure, and the actions that preceded it, including the imposition of the provisional anti-dumping measure and the initiation of the investigation:

- (a) Are incompatible with, *inter alia*, Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12 and 18 and Annex II of the Anti-Dumping Agreement, and also with Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994); and
  - (b) nullify or impair benefits accruing to Mexico under the GATT 1994.
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