

**BRAZIL – EXPORT FINANCING PROGRAMME FOR AIRCRAFT**

Recourse by Canada to Article 21.5 of the DSU

*Communication from the Chairman of the Panel*

The following communication, dated 8 March 2000 and addressed to the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 21.5 of the DSU.

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Article 21.5 of the DSU stipulates that a panel examining the existence or consistency with a covered agreement of measures taken to comply with the recommendations and rulings by the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) shall circulate its report within 90 days after referral of the matter to it. Article 21.5 further provides that when a panel considers that it cannot issue its report within 90 days, it shall inform the DSB in writing of the reasons for the delay together with an estimate of the period within which it will issue its report.

At its meeting of 9 December 1999, the DSB decided, in accordance with Article 21.5, to refer to the original panel the matter raised by Canada in WT/DS46/13. I wish to inform you that the Panel does not expect to be able to circulate the report to the Members by 9 March 2000, that is, within the 90 days provided for in the DSU, due to the short timeframes provided for in the timetable.

The Panel expects to be able to circulate its report to Members by the middle of April 2000.

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