

**UNITED STATES – SECTION 306 OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974
AND AMENDMENTS THERETO**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Panama

The following communication, dated 22 June 2000, from the Permanent Mission of Panama to the Permanent Mission of the United States, the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

I am writing to request that the Republic of Panama be joined, pursuant to Article 4 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding, in the consultations requested by the European Communities by communication of 5 June 2000, circulated to WTO Members on 13 June 2000, with the designations WT/DS200/1 and G/L/386.

The Republic of Panama has a substantial trade interest in these consultations, insofar as the subject-matter – the so-called carousel legislation – may directly affect the resolution of the various banana disputes with the European Communities. As you know, the Republic of Panama is a substantial supplier of bananas to the European market.
