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UNITED STATES – SECTION 211 OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 1998

Status Report by the United States

Addendum

The following communication, dated 9 June 2005, from the delegation of the United States to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 21.6 of the DSU.

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Status Report Regarding Implementation of the
DSB Recommendations and Rulings in the Dispute
United States – Section 211 Omnibus Appropriations Act of 1998
(WT/DS176)

The United States submits this report in accordance with Article 21.6 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*.

On 2 February 2002, the Dispute Settlement Body ("DSB") adopted its recommendations and rulings in *United States - Section 211 Omnibus Appropriations Act of 1998 (*WT/DS176). At the following DSB meeting on 18 February 2002, the United States informed the DSB of its intention to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB in connection with this matter. At that time, the United States also advised the DSB that a "reasonable period of time" would be required to complete this process. On 28 March 2002, the United States and the European Communities informed the DSB that they had reached a mutual agreement on the reasonable period of time for the United States to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB, a period of time that was subsequently extended to 31 December 2004. On 17 December 2004, the United States and the European Communities informed the DSB that they agreed to extend this period until 30 June 2005.

Several legislative proposals relating to section 211 that would implement the DSB's recommendations and rulings in this dispute have been introduced in the current Congress, both in the US Senate and the US House of Representatives.

The United States Administration is working with the US Congress with respect to appropriate statutory measures that would resolve this matter.

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