

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – REGIME FOR THE IMPORTATION,
SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF BANANAS**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from the Dominican Republic

The following communication, dated 7 September 1998, from the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with the DSU.

The Government of the Dominican Republic takes note of the request of the Governments of Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and the United States, circulated in document WT/DS27/18 dated 31 August 1998, for the holding of consultations concerning compliance with the recommendations and rulings of the Dispute Settlement Body in *European Communities – Regime for the Importation, Sale and Distribution of Bananas*.

In conformity with Article 4, paragraph 11 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding, the Dominican Republic notifies its desire to be joined in the consultations requested in document WT/DS27/18. As a non-traditional ACP supplier, the Dominican Republic has a substantial interest in this matter, and in the implementation by the European Communities of the recommendations and rulings of the Dispute Settlement Body before 1 January 1999.
