

**ARGENTINA – MEASURES AFFECTING IMPORTS OF FOOTWEAR**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from the European Communities*

The following communication, dated 12 March 1999, from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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Pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, Article 14 of the Agreement on Safeguards and Article XXII of the GATT 1994, the European Communities hereby wish to inform Argentina of its substantial trade interest and request to be joined in the consultations initiated by the United States in a communication circulated to the WTO Members on 4 March 1999 (WT/DS164/1, G/SG/D6/1, G/L/294) entitled "Argentina – Measures Affecting Imports of Footwear".

The European Communities have a substantial interest in the measure subject to the US request given that EC exports of footwear products covered by Resolution 1506 exceeded €2 m for the year 1997.

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