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Status Report by the European Communities

Addendum

The following communication, dated 13 September 2001, from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 21.6 of the DSU.

Status Report on the Implementation of the Recommendations and Rulings in the

<u>Dispute regarding European Communities – Regime for the Importation,</u>

Sale and Distribution of Bananas

The European Communities are continuing to work actively on the legal instruments that are required, at internal level as well as WTO level, for the management of the three tariff rate quotas after 1 January 2002, in full compliance with the mutually agreed solution reached with the United States and Ecuador (notified as document WT/DS27/58).

Regrettably, it has not been possible to start the examination of the requests for GATT waivers submitted by the EC in 2000 and 2001, which are a prerequisite for the modification of the EC legislation.