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Status Report by the European Union¹

Addendum

The following communication, dated 19 August 2010, from the delegation of the European Union to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 21.6 of the DSU.

Status Report Regarding Implementation of the
DSB Recommendations and Rulings in the Dispute

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Following the mutually agreed solutions reached with Argentina (document WT/DS293/41) and Canada (WT/DS292/40), the European Union remains ready to continue its discussions with the United States with the goal of resolving this dispute and related issues. The European Union and the United States held a technical meeting in July 2010 on issues related to biotechnology.

¹ On 1 December 2009, the Treaty of Lisbon amending the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Community (done at Lisbon, 13 December 2007) entered into force. On 29 November 2009, the WTO received a Verbal Note (WT/L/779) from the Council of the European Union and the Commission of the European Communities stating that, by virtue of the Treaty of Lisbon, as of 1 December 2009, the European Union replaces and succeeds the European Community.