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Communication from Indonesia

The following communication, dated 20 November 2008, from the delegation of Indonesia to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated at the request of Indonesia.

The Republic of Indonesia wishes to inform the Dispute Settlement Body of the withdrawal of its request for consultations circulated as document number WT/DS374/1.

In its request for consultations dated 9 May 2008, Indonesia raised concerns regarding the Republic of South Africa's continued imposition of anti-dumping measures on imports of Uncoated Woodfree White A4 paper from Indonesia and the conduct of sunset review proceedings regarding these anti-dumping measures.

On 10 June 2008, the Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Africa to the WTO informed Indonesia that, in response to the concerns raised by Indonesia, the Minister for Trade and Industry of South Africa promulgated an amendment to the Schedule of the Customs and Excise Act withdrawing the anti-dumping measures imposed on imports of Uncoated Woodfree White A4 paper from Indonesia with retrospective effect from 27 November 2003. The amendment was notified under Notice Nos. R.630 and R.631 published in Government Gazette No. 31123 of 4 June 2008. In addition, the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa rescinded the sunset review proceedings regarding these anti-dumping measures at a meeting held on 10 June 2008. Accordingly, the anti-dumping measures have been terminated and importers may obtain refunds of any anti-dumping duties paid after 27 November 2003.

As these actions by the Republic of South Africa suffice to resolve the concerns raised in Indonesia's request for consultations, Indonesia hereby withdraws the request for consultations circulated as document number WT/DS374/1 from further attention under the provisions of the Dispute Settlement Understanding.

This withdrawal is without prejudice to Indonesia's rights under the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization.

Please circulate this communication to the Members of the Dispute Settlement Body.
