

UNITED STATES – SECTION 211 OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 1998

Status Report by the United States

Addendum

The following communication, dated 8 January 2009, from the delegation of the United States 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
United States – Section 211 Omnibus Appropriations Act of 1998
(WT/DS176)

The United States submits this report in accordance with Article 21.6 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*.

On 2 February 2002, the Dispute Settlement Body ("DSB") adopted its recommendations and rulings in *United States – Section 211 Omnibus Appropriations Act of 1998* (WT/DS176). At the subsequent DSB meeting on 18 February 2002, the United States informed the DSB of its intention to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB in connection with this matter.

A number of legislative proposals relating to Section 211 that would implement the DSB's recommendations and rulings in this dispute were introduced in the previous US Congress, both in the US Senate and the US House of Representatives.

The US Administration has been working with the US Congress with respect to appropriate statutory measures that would resolve this matter.

The 1st Session of the 111th US Congress began its work this month. The US House of Representatives and the US Senate convened on 6 January 2009.
