

**UNITED STATES – INVESTIGATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
TRADE COMMISSION IN SOFTWOOD LUMBER FROM CANADA**

Recourse to Article 22.6 of the DSU by the United States

*Constitution of the Arbitrator*

Note by the Secretariat

1. At its meeting on 25 February 2005, the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), agreed that the matter raised by the United States in document WT/DS277/10, with respect to Canada's recourse to Article 22.2 of the DSU, shall be referred to arbitration in accordance with Article 22.6 of the DSU.

2. Article 22.6 of the DSU provides as follows:

"When the situation described in paragraph 2 occurs, the DSB, upon request, shall grant authorization to suspend concessions or other obligations within 30 days of the expiry of the reasonable period of time unless the DSB decides by consensus to reject the request. However, if the Member concerned objects to the level of suspension proposed, or claims that the principles and procedures set forth in paragraph 3 have not been followed where a complaining party has requested authorization to suspend concessions or other obligations pursuant to paragraph 3(b) or (c), the matter shall be referred to arbitration. Such arbitration shall be carried out by the original panel, if members are available, or by an arbitrator<sup>15</sup> appointed by the Director-General and shall be completed within 60 days after the date of expiry of the reasonable period of time. Concessions or other obligations shall not be suspended during the course of the arbitration."

(original footnote) <sup>15</sup> The expression "arbitrator" shall be interpreted as referring either to an individual or a group.

3. The following individuals will serve as arbitrators:

Chairman: Mr Hardeep Singh Puri

Members: Mr Paul O'Connor  
Ms Luz Elena Reyes de la Torre

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