

**UNITED STATES – CONTINUED DUMPING
AND SUBSIDY OFFSET ACT OF 2000**

Request by Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, the European Communities,
India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Mexico and Thailand
for Arbitration under Article 21.3(c) of the DSU

The following communication, dated 14 March 2003, from the Permanent Missions of Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Mexico and Thailand, and the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission, to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated at the request of those delegations.

On 27 January 2003, the Dispute Settlement Body (the "DSB") adopted the Appellate Body Report and the Panel Report in *United States – Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act of 2000* (WT/DS217, WT/DS234). In the absence of an agreement with the United States under Article 21.3(b) of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (the "DSU") on a reasonable period of time to comply with the recommendations and rulings of the DSB, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, the European Communities, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Mexico and Thailand (hereafter the complaining parties) hereby request that such period be determined through binding arbitration pursuant to Article 21.3(c) of the DSU.

The complaining parties will enter into consultations with the United States with a view to reaching agreement on the arbitrator within the time period provided for in footnote 12 of the DSU.
