

UNITED STATES – SECTION 110(5) OF THE US COPYRIGHT ACT

Request by the United States for Arbitration under Article 22.6 of the DSU

The following communication, dated 17 January 2002, from the Permanent Mission of the United States to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 22.6 of the DSU.

Regarding the dispute "United States – Section 110(5) of the US Copyright Act" (WT/DS160), my authorities have instructed me to inform you that, pursuant to Article 22.6 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing Disputes (DSU), the United States objects to the level of suspension of obligations proposed by the European Communities in document WT/DS160/19. The United States also claims that the principles and procedures of Article 22.3 have not been followed.

Accordingly, as required by Article 22.6 of the DSU, "the matter shall be referred to arbitration".
