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**COLOMBIA - MEASURES RELATING TO THE IMPORTATION
OF TEXTILES, APPAREL AND FOOTWEAR**

REQUEST BY PANAMA FOR ARBITRATION UNDER ARTICLE 21.3(C) OF THE DSU

The following communication, dated 8 August 2016, from the delegation of Panama to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated at the request of that delegation.

On 22 June 2016, the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) adopted the rulings and recommendations of the Panel Report, as modified by the Appellate Body Report, in *Colombia - Measures Relating to the Importation of Textiles, Apparel and Footwear* (DS461).

At the meeting of 21 June 2016, Colombia informed the DSB of its intention to implement the recommendations and rulings, and stated that it would need a reasonable period of time in which to do so.

Given that the 45-day period provided for in Article 21.3(b) of the Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU) has expired without the parties having been able to reach an agreement on the reasonable period of time for implementation, Panama requests that this reasonable period of time be determined through binding arbitration within 90 days after the adoption of the recommendations and rulings, pursuant to Article 21.3(c) of the DSU.

Panama hopes to enter into the consultations provided for in footnote 12 of the DSU within ten days following the receipt of this request, with a view to the prompt appointment of the arbitrator.
