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Request to Join Consultations

Communication from India

The following communication, dated 16 February 2001, from the Permanent Mission of India to the Permanent Mission of the United States, the Permanent Mission of Brazil and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the Government of India hereby notifies its desire to be joined in consultations requested by the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the Permanent Mission of the United States pursuant to Article 4 of the DSU, Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994), Article 64 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement) and Article 8 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures (TRIMs Agreement) concerning the provisions of the United States Patent Code (United States Code – Title 35 – Patents), in particular those of Chapter 18[38] – "Patent Rights in Inventions Made with Federal Assistance". The 31 January 2001 communication from the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the Permanent Mission of the United States was circulated to WTO Members on 7 February 2001 (WT/DS224/1; G/L/437; IP/D/24; G/TRIMS/D/18).

It is well known that India has a substantial trade as well as systemic interest in these consultations. We would be grateful of being informed of the date and venue of the consultations.
