

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC – MEASURES AFFECTING THE IMPORTATION  
AND INTERNAL SALE OF CIGARETTES**

Request by Honduras for Arbitration under Article 21.3(c) of the DSU

The following communication, dated 12 July 2005, from the Permanent Delegation of Honduras to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated at the request of that delegation.

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At the meeting of 19 May 2005, the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) adopted the reports of the Panel (WT/DS302/R) and the Appellate Body (WT/DS302/AB/R) in *Dominican Republic–Measures Affecting the Importation and Internal Sale of Cigarettes* (DS302).

In accordance with its obligations under Article 21.3 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), on 13 June 2005 the Dominican Republic announced its intention to implement the DSB's recommendations and rulings in the above-mentioned dispute and indicated that it would need a reasonable period of time in which to do so.

Honduras and the Dominican Republic have held consultations with a view to agreeing on a reasonable period of time for implementation, in accordance with Article 21.3(b) of the DSU. Despite their efforts, however, they failed to reach such an agreement.

Consequently, Honduras requests binding arbitration under Article 21.3(c) of the DSU for the purpose of determining a reasonable period of time for implementation of the DSB's recommendations and rulings.

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