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SECOND RECOURSE TO ARTICLE 21.5 OF THE DSU BY ECUADOR

Status Report by the European Communities

Addendum

The following communication, dated 6 February 2009, from the delegation of the European Communities to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 21.6 of the DSU.

Status Report Regarding Implementation of the

DSB Recommendations and Rulings in the Dispute

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of Bananas: Second Recourse to Article 21.5 of the DSU by Ecuador

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The EC confirms its intention to bring itself into compliance with the recommendations and rulings of the DSB by modifying its scheduled tariff commitments on bananas.

The EC stands ready to resume negotiations with Latin American supplying countries in view of promptly concluding a comprehensive agreement on bananas that would establish, among other elements, the level of the new EC bound tariff duty.