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Communication from the Appellate Body

The following communication, dated 14 March 2002, from the Chairman of the Appellate Body, Mr. James Bacchus, to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Rule 30(1) of the *Working Procedures for Appellate Review*.

I am writing, pursuant to Rule 30(1) of the *Working Procedures for Appellate Review*, to notify the Dispute Settlement Body that the Permanent Mission of India has notified the Appellate Body that India is withdrawing its appeal in *India – Measures Affecting the Automotive Sector*, WT/DS146/R, WT/DS175/R.

The Appellate Body received this morning a letter, dated 14 March 2002, from the Permanent Mission of India, stating that:

Pursuant to Rule 30(1) of the *Working Procedures for Appellate Review*, this is to inform the Appellate Body that India is withdrawing the above-mentioned appeal; oral hearing on this is scheduled for 15 March 2002. Inconvenience caused to the Appellate Body, Secretariat, the other parties and the third participants is deeply regretted.