

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – REGIME FOR THE IMPORTATION,  
SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF BANANAS**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Honduras*

The following communication, dated 26 April 2001, from the Permanent Mission of Honduras to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission, the Permanent Mission of Ecuador and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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The Government of the Republic of Honduras has taken note of the request by Ecuador, circulated to all Members in document WT/DS27/55, dated 20 April 2001, for consultations on the scope of the agreement between the United States and the European Communities with a view to settling the dispute on the regime for the importation, sale and distribution of bananas.

The Government of Honduras considers that this agreement marks a step forward in this dispute and has an interest in following up the procedure under which the agreement will be applied; accordingly, and taking into account the trade interest of Honduras in the matter, I wish to inform you that the Government of Honduras desires to be joined in the consultations requested by the Government of Ecuador, in accordance with Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU).

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