

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

Request by Côte d'Ivoire Regarding Consultations by Ecuador

The following communication, dated 20 November 1998, from the Permanent Mission of Côte d'Ivoire to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission, the Permanent Mission of Ecuador and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to the procedure provided for under Article 21.5 of the DSU.

The Government of Côte d'Ivoire has taken note of Ecuador's request to the European Union for consultations concerning the bananas case.

In this connection it would like to reserve its third-party rights to participate in the said consultations, scheduled to take place on Monday, 23 November 1998.
