

INDIA - PATENT PROTECTION FOR PHARMACEUTICAL  
AND AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL PRODUCTS

Communication from the Appellate Body

The following communication, dated 18 December 1997, from Mr. Julio Lacarte-Muró, Chairman of the Appellate Body, addressed to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 17.5 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*.

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It is my honour to transmit to you the Report of the Appellate Body in *India - Patent Protection for Pharmaceutical and Agricultural Chemical Products*, AB-1997-5. It will be circulated on Friday, 19 December 1997 to Members of the World Trade Organization in accordance with paragraph 5 of Article 17 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*. The three Members of the Appellate Body who served on this appeal were myself as Presiding Member; Mr. James Bacchus and Mr. Christopher Beeby as Members.