

UNITED STATES – SECTIONS 301-310 OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Ecuador

The following communication, dated 10 December 1998, from the Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the Permanent Mission of the United States, the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

The Mission of Ecuador to the World Trade Organization presents its compliments to Ambassador Kamel Morjane, Chairman of the WTO Dispute Settlement Body, and has the honour to transmit copies of Notes Nos. 4-3-51/98 and 4-3-52/98, dated this day, addressed to the Permanent Mission of the United States of America and the Permanent Delegation of the European Communities, respectively, in which Ecuador formally confirms its request to be joined in the consultations requested by the EC by means of a communication circulated under symbol WT/DS152/1, dated 30 November 1998, concerning the case "United States – Sections 301-310 of the Trade Act of 1974".

It should be recalled that at the meeting of the WTO Dispute Settlement Body on 25 November 1998, the representative of Ecuador indicated that the Ecuadorian Government intended to be joined in these consultations pursuant to the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, in particular Article 4, owing to Ecuador's interest in this case both from a systemic standpoint and also because of its close links with the case "European Communities – Regime for the Importation, Sale and Distribution of Bananas" currently under consideration in the WTO.
