

**NICARAGUA – MEASURES AFFECTING IMPORTS
FROM HONDURAS AND COLOMBIA**

Request for Consultations by Colombia

The following communication, dated 17 January 2000, from the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the Permanent Mission of Nicaragua and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.4 of the DSU.

In accordance with the provisions of GATT Article XXII and Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, the Government of Colombia requests consultations with the Government of Nicaragua concerning Law 325 of 1999 establishing a tax on goods and services coming from or originating in Honduras and Colombia, as well as implementing Decree No. 129-99.

The Government of Colombia considers that these measures are inconsistent with the obligations of the Government of Nicaragua under the GATT 1994, in particular Articles I and II thereof, and nullify or impair the benefits accruing to Colombia under these GATT provisions.

For the purposes of these consultations, we should appreciate a prompt reply indicating the earliest date at which it would be convenient for you to hold them, which should take place within a period of no more than 30 days from the submission of this request.
