

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Honduras

The following communication, dated 20 December 2001, from the Permanent Mission of Honduras to the Permanent Delegation of the European Communities, the Permanent Mission of Thailand and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

The Government of Honduras has taken note of the request for consultations pursuant to Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU) and other provisions, addressed by the Permanent Representative of the Government of Thailand to the European Communities (EC) on 7 December and circulated in document WT/DS242/1 of 12 December, concerning the issue of "special preferential treatment granted under the EC's scheme of the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) that adversely affects imports of goods originating in the Kingdom of Thailand".

In view of the substantial trade interest of the Government of Honduras in this matter as a beneficiary of the scheme of preferences granted by the EC to Andean and Central American countries, and in conformity with the DSU, the Government of Honduras requests to be joined in the above-mentioned consultations.
