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## EUROPEAN UNION – MEASURES RELATED TO PRICE COMPARISON METHODOLOGIES

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE PANEL

The following communication, dated 14 June 2019, was received from the Chairperson of the Panel with the request that it be circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB).

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On 7 May 2019, the Panel received a request from China to suspend the Panel's work in the proceedings in *European Union – Measures related to Price Comparison Methodologies* (WT/DS516) pursuant to Article 12.12 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU) until further notice. On 21 May 2019, the European Union commented on China's request, asking the Panel to take a number of considerations into account in deciding whether to grant China's request. On 23 May 2019, China responded to the European Union's comments, reiterating its request for the Panel to suspend its work.

Article 12.12 of the DSU provides that the Panel may suspend its work at any time at the request of the complaining party for a period not exceeding 12 months. This provision also indicates that if the work of the Panel has been suspended for more than 12 months, the authority for establishment of the Panel shall lapse.

The Panel hereby informs the Dispute Settlement Body of its decision of 14 June 2019 to grant China's request and suspend its work, and requests that this communication be circulated to Members.

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