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Communication from the Appellate Body

The following communication, dated 20 November 2001, from the Chairman of the Appellate Body, Mr. Claus-Dieter Ehlermann, to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, Mr. Roger Farell, is circulated in accordance with Rule 15 of the *Working Procedures for Appellate Review*.

The terms of office of Messrs. Julio Lacarte-Muró and Claus-Dieter Ehlermann expire on 10 December 2001. Messrs. Lacarte-Muró and Ehlermann are both Members of the Division currently hearing the appeal in *United States – Section 211 Omnibus Appropriations Act of 1998*. The Appellate Review proceedings in this appeal will not be completed by the date of expiry of the terms of office on 10 December 2001, but will be completed by 2 January 2002.

Rule 15 of the *Working Procedures for Appellate Review* provides:

A person who ceases to be a Member of the Appellate Body may, with the authorization of the Appellate Body and upon notification to the DSB, complete the disposition of any appeal to which that person was assigned while a Member, and that person shall, for that purpose only, be deemed to continue to be a Member of the Appellate Body.

The Appellate Body has authorized Messrs. Lacarte-Muró and Ehlermann to complete the disposition of this appeal.
