

CANADA - CERTAIN MEASURES CONCERNING PERIODICALS

Communication from Canada

The following communication, dated 29 August 1997, from the Permanent Mission of Canada to the Dispute Settlement Body is circulated at the request of Canada.

Further to our statement made during the Dispute Settlement Body meeting of 30 July 1997 regarding "Canada - Certain Measures Concerning Periodicals: Report of the Appellate Body and Report of the Panel" and pursuant to Article 21.3 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, we hereby wish to inform the Dispute Settlement Body that it is Canada's intention to meet its obligations under the WTO with regard to this matter and that Canada will require a reasonable period of time to do so.

Canada takes note that the panelists stressed "the ability of any Member to take measures to protect its cultural identity was not at issue in the present case". Consistent with this statement and with Canada's rights and obligations as a WTO Member, it is Canada's intention to continue to pursue its cultural policy objectives.

As indicated in the above-referenced statement, we request that this letter be circulated to all Members of the Dispute Settlement Body.