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COMMUNICATION FROM THE PANEL

The following communication, dated 12 October 2018, addressed to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), is circulated in accordance with Article 12.9 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU).

Article 12.8 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU) provides that the period in which a panel shall conduct its examination, from the date that the composition and terms of reference of the panel have been agreed upon until the date the final report is issued to the parties to the dispute, shall, as a general rule, not exceed six months.

Article 12.9 of the DSU provides that, when a panel considers that it cannot issue its report within six months, it shall inform the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) in writing accordingly and indicate the reasons, together with an estimate of the period within which it will issue its report.

The Panel in *Australia – Anti-Dumping Measures on A4 Copy Paper (DS529)* was established by the DSB on 27 April 2018 and composed on 12 July 2018.

The beginning of the Panel's work has been delayed due to a lack of personnel in the Secretariat available to staff disputes. The work of the Panel will proceed in accordance with the partial timetable adopted by the Panel on 5 October 2018 and separately circulated to the DSB in accordance with the Working Procedures adopted by the Panel. The Panel expects to issue its final report to the parties in the second half of 2019.

I would be grateful if you would circulate this letter to the DSB.
