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**INDIA – MEASURES CONCERNING THE IMPORTATION  
OF CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS**

**RECOURSE TO ARTICLE 21.5 OF THE DSU BY INDIA**

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE PANEL**

The following communication, dated 23 November 2017, addressed to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), is circulated in accordance with Article 12.9 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU).

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Article 21.5 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU) provides that the panel shall circulate its report within 90 days after the date of referral of the matter to it.

Article 21.5 of the DSU further provides that, when a panel considers that it cannot provide its report within this time frame, it shall inform the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) in writing of the reasons together with an estimate of the period within which it will submit its report.

On 22 May 2017, the DSB referred the dispute *India – Measures Concerning the Importation of Certain Agricultural Products, Recourse to Article 21.5 of the DSU by India* (DS430) to the original panel, if possible. The Panel was composed, with the three original panelists, on 29 June 2017.<sup>1</sup>

Due to the complexity of the issues in dispute, the Panel expects to issue its final report to the parties by the end of March 2018.

The report will only be available to the public once it is circulated to the Members in all three official languages of the WTO. The date of circulation depends on completion of translation and the Panel is not in a position to provide an estimated circulation date at this time.

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

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<sup>1</sup> See WT/DS430/22.