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Status Report by the European Communities

Addendum

The following communication, dated 14 October 1999, from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 21.6 of the DSU.

Status Report on the Implementation of the Recommendations and Rulings in the Dispute regarding European Communities – Regime for the Importation, Sale and Distribution of Bananas

As explained extensively at the meeting of the DSB of 22 September, discussions with interested Members have continued and intensified, with a view to presenting proposals for amendments to the Community's banana regime. It appears that a majority of the parties concerned would prefer that a tariff rate quota system be maintained, at least in the short term. However, there continues to be wide divergence of views on both the acceptability of the possible mechanisms of such a system, and on which solutions would be considered WTO-consistent.

On 27 October an update of the situation will be presented to the DSB.
