

**UNITED STATES – COUNTERVAILING DUTIES ON CERTAIN  
CORROSION-RESISTANT CARBON STEEL  
FLAT PRODUCTS FROM GERMANY**

Communication from the Appellate Body

The following communication, dated 27 November 2002, from the Chairman of the Appellate Body addressed to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 17.5 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*.

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It is my honour to transmit to you the Report of the Appellate Body in *United States – Countervailing Duties on Certain Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products from Germany*, WT/DS213/AB/R. It will be circulated to Members of the World Trade Organization ("WTO") tomorrow in accordance with paragraph 5 of Article 17 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*. It is a confidential document until its circulation. The three Members of the Appellate Body who served on this appeal were: Mr. Yasuhei Taniguchi, as Presiding Member; Mr. A.V. Ganesan and Mr. Giorgio Sacerdoti, as Members.

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