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Status Report by the United States

Addendum

The following communication, dated 18 July 1997, from the Permanent Mission of the United States to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated at the request of the United States.

Status Report Regarding Implementation of the Recommendations and Rulings in the Dispute Regarding *United States - Standards for Reformulated and Conventional Gasoline*Panel Report (WT/DS2/R) and Appellate Body Report (WT/DS2/AB/R)

In keeping with the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* ("DSU"), the United States is obliged to inform the Dispute Settlement Body ("DSB") on the status of implementation of the recommendations and rulings in the dispute regarding *United States - Standards for Reformulated and Conventional Gasoline*. This matter will again be on the agenda of the DSB on 30 July 1997 and, as provided for in Article 21:6 of the DSU, the United States presents its seventh report.

As we advised the DSB at its April meeting, on 29 April the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued for comment a proposed revision to its gasoline rule. The proposed rule was published in our Federal Register on 6 May 1997. Consistent with normal U.S. regulatory procedures, EPA invited all interested parties to comment on the specifics of its proposal. In this connection, a public hearing on the proposal was held on 20 May 1997. The deadline for written comments was 19 June 1997. EPA received comments from a broad range of interested parties. These comments are available for public inspection at EPA. All comments will be considered prior to the regulation being finalized.