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UNITED STATES – ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES ON FISH FILLETS FROM VIET NAM

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PANEL

The following communication, dated 4 June 2020, was received from the Chairman of the Panel with the request that it be circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB).

In a communication dated 4 February 2020 (WT/DS536/5), the Panel informed the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) that it expected the final report in *United States – Anti-Dumping Measures on Fish Fillets from Viet Nam* to be circulated in the first quarter of 2020, based on the timetable adopted after consultation with the parties. The Panel issued its final report to the parties on 7 February 2020. Public circulation of the report was originally scheduled for 17 March 2020.

However, due to the COVID pandemic the report has not yet been circulated, as to date the Secretariat has not been in a position to produce and distribute paper copies of the report per the requirements of the decision in WT/DSB/6. Nor have delegations had access to the premises to collect any such physical copies.

On 2 June 2020 the United States and Viet Nam jointly informed the Panel that they were engaged in discussions with respect to the resolution of this dispute. In that context, they requested that the Panel postpone the circulation of the final report for three months, until 31 August 2020.

The circulation of the final report has therefore been postponed until 31 August 2020.

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