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**KOREA – SUNSET REVIEW OF ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES ON STAINLESS STEEL BARS
(DS553)**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PANEL

The following communication, dated 3 September 2019, was received from the Chairperson of the Panel with the request that it be circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body.

Article 12.8 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU) provides that the period in which a panel shall conduct its examination, from the date that the composition and terms of reference of the panel have been agreed upon until the date the final report is issued to the parties to the dispute, shall, as a general rule, not exceed six months.

Article 12.9 of the DSU provides that, when a panel considers that it cannot issue its report within six months, it shall inform the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) in writing accordingly and indicate the reasons, together with an estimate of the period within which it will issue its report.

The Panel in *Korea – Sunset Review of Anti-Dumping Duties on Stainless Steel Bars* (DS553) was established by the DSB on 29 October 2018 and composed on 21 January 2019.

The beginning of the Panel's work has been delayed due to a lack of personnel in the Secretariat available to staff disputes. The work of the Panel will proceed in accordance with the timetable adopted by the Panel on 23 April 2019. The Panel expects to issue its final report to the parties in the middle portion of 2020. I would be grateful if you would circulate this letter to the DSB.
