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EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – REGIME FOR THE IMPORTATION, SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF BANANAS

Recourse to Article 21.5 of the DSU by Ecuador

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Jamaica

The following communication, dated 6 December 2006, from the delegation of Jamaica to the delegation of the European Communities, the delegation of Ecuador and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Upon instructions from my authorities, I hereby convey the request of the Government of Jamaica to be joined in the consultations between the European Communities (EC) and Ecuador, in accordance with Article 4.11 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU), and pursuant to the communication from the delegation of Ecuador to the delegation of the European Communities and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, entitled "*European Communities – Regime for the Importation, Sale and Distribution of Bananas*" and which was circulated as document WT/DS27/65/Rev.1 on 29 November 2006.

As you are aware, the aforementioned communication, *inter alia*, requests consultations with the European Communities pursuant to Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU) and Article XXII of the GATT, regarding the compliance with Articles I, II and XIII of the GATT 1994, of measures taken by the European Communities (EC) to comply with the recommendations and rulings of *European Communities – Regime for the Importation, Sale and Distribution of Bananas* ("*Bananas III*").

In light of the substantial trade interest of Jamaica as an ACP supplier of bananas to the EC market, I hereby wish to convey to the European Communities the desire of Jamaica to be joined as a third party in the consultations between the European Communities and Ecuador.

Jamaica anticipates your favourable response to this request.
