

**COLOMBIA – CUSTOMS MEASURES ON IMPORTATION
OF CERTAIN GOODS FROM PANAMA**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Guatemala

The following communication, dated 3 August 2006, from the delegation of Guatemala to the delegation of Colombia, the delegation of Panama and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

With reference to the request by Panama for consultations with Colombia concerning *Colombia – Customs Measures on Importation of Certain Goods from Panama* (document WT/DS348/1, circulated on 25 July 2006), I hereby wish to convey the request of the Government of Guatemala, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), to be joined in these consultations.

Guatemala has a substantial trade interest in the issues under consultation. Colombia is one of Guatemala's major trading partners. Moreover, it is hoped that one of the outcomes of the ongoing negotiations for the signing of a trade agreement will be potential for development of Guatemala's exports. Thus, Guatemala's objective is to ensure competitive conditions for its exports.

Guatemala would appreciate being informed of the date and venue of the consultations.
