

**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 the Dominican Republic*

The following communication, dated 30 November 2006, from the delegation of the Dominican Republic 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.

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I have the honour to inform you that I have been instructed by the authorities of my country to give notice of the fact that, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the Government of the Dominican Republic wishes to be joined in the consultations requested by the Government of Ecuador under Article 4 of the DSU and Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994), concerning recourse to Article 21.5 of the DSU.

The communication addressed by the Government of Ecuador to the delegation of the European Communities was circulated to WTO Members in documents WT/DS27/65 and WT/DS27/65/Rev.1, dated 20 November 2006 and 29 November 2006 respectively.

In the light of the foregoing, the Dominican Republic, as a major exporter of the ACP Group of States, wishes to declare its substantial trade interest in this dispute, and hence its wish to be joined in these consultations.

The Government of the Dominican Republic looks forward to receiving information concerning the date and venue of these consultations.

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