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## **EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES**

### Request to Join Consultations

#### *Communication from Nicaragua*

The following communication, dated 20 December 2001, from the Permanent Mission of Nicaragua to the Permanent Delegation of the European Communities, the Permanent Mission of Thailand and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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With reference to the request for consultations addressed by the Government of Thailand to the European Communities (EC) concerning "special preferential treatment granted under the EC's scheme of the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) that adversely affects imports of goods originating in the Kingdom of Thailand", and pursuant to Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU) and other provisions, I hereby request, in view of the fact that, as stipulated in the DSU, Nicaragua has a substantial trade interest as a beneficiary of the scheme in question, that it be joined in the said consultations.

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