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**UNITED STATES – COUNTERVAILING MEASURES ON CERTAIN PIPE
AND TUBE PRODUCTS (TURKEY)**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PANEL

The following communication, dated 6 March 2018, 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 on *United States – Countervailing Measures on Certain Pipe and Tube Products from Turkey* (DS523) was established by the DSB on 19 June 2017 and composed on 14 September 2017.

The beginning of the Panel's work was delayed as a result of the lack of available experienced lawyers in the Secretariat. The Panel expects to issue its final report to the parties in the second half of 2018, after consultation with the parties.

The report will only be available to the public once it is circulated to the Members in all three working languages of the WTO. The date of circulation depends on completion of translation and the Panel is not in a position to provide an estimated circulation date at this time.
