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Communication from the Appellate Body

The following communication, dated 25 September 2002, from Mr. James Bacchus, Chairman of the Appellate Body, addressed to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 17.5 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*.

It is my honour to provide to you a copy of the Report of the Appellate Body in *European Communities – Trade Description of Sardines*, WT/DS231/AB/R. It will be circulated to Members of the World Trade Organization on Thursday, 26 September 2002, in accordance with paragraph 5 of Article 17 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*. It is a confidential document until its circulation. The three Members of the Appellate Body who served on this appeal were: myself, as Presiding Member; and Mr. Georges Abi-Saab and Mr. Luiz Olavo Baptista, as Members.