

INDIA – MEASURES AFFECTING THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR

Communication from India

The following communication, dated 2 May 2002, from the Permanent Mission of India to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated at the request of India.

At the 5 April 2002 meeting of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), India expressed reservations on certain portions of the Panel report on the dispute "India – Measures Affecting the Automotive Sector", especially on those which were of systemic importance. The reports of the Panel and the Appellate Body were, however, adopted.

Pursuant to Article 21.3 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), India hereby informs the DSB of its intentions to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB regarding "India – Measures Affecting the Automotive Sector". India would need a reasonable period of time to do so. India is ready to discuss with the European Communities and the United States in this regard.

It was agreed with the European Communities and the United States that it would not be necessary to hold a meeting of the DSB for the purpose of expressing India's intentions to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB and that circulation of a written communication would be sufficient.
