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<u>EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES - REGIME FOR THE IMPORTATION,</u> SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF BANANAS

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from the Dominican Republic

The following communication, dated 10 November 1997, from the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission, the Permanent Mission of Panama and to the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4:11 of the DSU.

Pursuant to Article 4, paragraph 11 of the WTO Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, and Article XXII of the GATT 1994, the Government of the Dominican Republic hereby asks to join the consultations requested by the Government of Panama in document WT/DS/105/1, G/L/199, G/LIC/D/15, S/L/41, G/TRIMS/D/11 of 29 October 1997 in connection with the European Communities' Regime for the Importation, Sale and Distribution of Bananas.

As a non-traditional ACP supplier, the Dominican Republic bases this request on the importance of the banana industry to its economy.