

CANADA – PATENT PROTECTION OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS

Agreement under Article 21.3(b) of the DSU

The following communication, dated 26 May 2000, from the Permanent Mission of Canada and the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 21.3(b) of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes.

This letter serves to confirm the understanding reached between Canada and the European Communities in the above-referenced matter. Due to the fact that there are on-going discussions between our officials regarding the reasonable period of time for implementation of the recommendations and rulings of the panel in this matter, we have mutually agreed to extend the time period set forth in Article 21.3(b) of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes by a period of ten days. Thus, the period of time for completing the discussions regarding the reasonable period of time under Article 21.3(b) will expire on 1 June 2000. This period of time may be further extended by mutual consent.
