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**MOROCCO — DEFINITIVE ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES  
ON SCHOOL EXERCISE BOOKS FROM TUNISIA**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PANEL

The following communication, dated 17 November 2020, was received from the Chairperson of the Panel with the request that it be circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body.

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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 *Morocco — Definitive Anti-Dumping Measures on School Exercise Books from Tunisia* (DS578) was established by the DSB on 28 October 2019 and composed on 19 March 2020.

Due to the number and the complexity of the questions before the Panel in this case, the Panel intends, at this stage, to issue its report to the parties in the first half of 2021.

I would be grateful if you would circulate this letter to the DSB.

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