

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – REGIME FOR THE IMPORTATION,
SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF BANANAS**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Guatemala

The following communication, dated 26 April 2001, from the Permanent Mission of Guatemala to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission, the Permanent Mission of Ecuador and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

I wish to inform you that I have been instructed by the authorities of my country to notify that, in accordance with Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the Government of Guatemala wishes to be joined in the consultations requested by the Government of Ecuador with the European Communities in the communication sent by the Government of Ecuador on 17 April 2001, document WT/DS27/55, circulated to WTO Members on 20 April 2001.

The agreement reached between the United States and the European Communities is a major step forwards in the trade dispute over bananas. The Government of Guatemala has an interest in being joined in the consultations requested by the Government of Ecuador because it wishes to keep abreast of developments in this matter.

The Government of Guatemala looks forward to being informed of the date and venue of the consultations.
