

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

Request by Jamaica Regarding Consultations by Ecuador

The following communication, dated 23 November 1998, from the Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission, the Permanent Mission of Ecuador and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to the procedure provided for under Article 21.5 of the DSU.

The Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the World Trade Organization presents its compliments to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the WTO and hereby informs that the Government of Jamaica takes note of the request of the Government of Ecuador (as indicated in their letter of 13 November 1998 and in WTO document WT/DS27/30 of 16 November 1998) for the holding of consultations with the European Communities.

The Permanent Mission of Jamaica, notwithstanding and in light of its significant and substantial interest in the matter, evidenced by its participation along with Members of the ACP as Third Parties in the adjudication of each of the panels established by GATT and the WTO and in previous consultations held 17 September 1998, requests to be joined in these consultations.

This request is without prejudice to the validity of the arguments adduced as set out in WT/DS27/18 which remain to be decided by the DSB.

The Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the World Trade Organization avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the WTO, the assurances of its highest consideration.
