

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Guatemala*

The following communication, dated 19 December 2001, from the Permanent Mission of Guatemala to the Permanent Delegation of the European Communities, the Permanent Mission of Thailand and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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I have received instructions from the authorities of my country to inform you that, pursuant to Article 4:11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the Government of Guatemala respectfully requests to be joined in the consultations requested by the Government of Thailand with the European Communities under Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), Article XXIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994), and paragraph 4(b) of the Decision of the GATT Contracting Parties on Differential and More Favourable Treatment, Reciprocity and Fuller Participation of Developing Countries of 28 November 1979 (Enabling Clause) regarding measures under the EC's scheme of Generalized System of Preferences (GSP).

The communication from the Government of Thailand dated 7 December 2001, document WT/DS242/1 (G/L/506), was circulated to Members of the WTO on 12 December 2001. In view of the above, the Government of Guatemala wishes to express its interest in being joined in these consultations.

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

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