

**UNITED STATES - SECTION 110(5) OF THE US COPYRIGHT ACT**

Proposed Modification of the Reasonable Period of Time  
Under Article 21.3 of the DSU

On 12 July 2001, the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body received the following communication from the Permanent Mission of the United States.

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With regard to the dispute "United States - Section 110(5) of the US Copyright Act" (WT/DS160), the United States proposes that the "reasonable period of time" for implementation of the recommendations and rulings of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) be modified so as to expire on 31 December 2001, or on the date on which the current session of the U.S. Congress adjourns, whichever is earlier. The United States believes that such an extension of time would promote a principal aim of the dispute settlement system, which is to provide mutually satisfactory solutions to disputes. The United States is consulting with the European Communities regarding this proposal.

The United States requests that the DSB approve this proposal at its meeting on 24 July 2001.

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