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## EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES - REGIME FOR THE IMPORTATION, SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF BANANAS

Request by the Commonwealth of Dominica Regarding Consultations by Ecuador

The following communication, dated 19 November 1998, from the Commonwealth of Dominica 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.

I refer to the request for consultation in connection with the implementation of the European Union's banana regime, contained in your letter of 12 November, 1998 to the Permanent delegation of the European Commission.

As you know the interest of the Commonwealth of Dominica in the EU's banana regime and, therefore, in the implementation of recommendations and rulings of the Dispute Settlement Body affecting the regime, is quite substantial.

As was the case in respect of the earlier consultations that took place on 17 September, the Government of Dominica therefore wishes to participate in the consultations on 23 November and waves its rights concerning the period of notice to be given for consultations.