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COMMUNICATION FROM THE PANEL

The following communication, dated 11 July 2017, was received from the Chairperson of the Panel with the request that it be circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body.

Article 12.8 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU) provides that the period in which a panel shall conduct its examination, from the date that the composition and terms of reference of the panel have been agreed upon until the date the final report is issued to the parties to the dispute, shall, as a general rule, not exceed six months.

Article 12.9 of the DSU provides that, when a panel considers that it cannot issue its report within six months, it shall inform the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) in writing accordingly and indicate the reasons, together with an estimate of the period within which it will issue its report.

The Panel on European Union – Anti-Dumping Measures on Biodiesel from Indonesia (WT/DS480) was established by the DSB on 31 August 2015 and composed on 4 November 2015.

The Panel previously indicated that it intended to issue its final report to the parties by mid-2017. The Panel's work was subsequently delayed due to the request of the complaining party to suspend the proceedings while awaiting the issuance of the Appellate Body Report in EU – Biodiesel (Argentina), which was circulated on 6 October 2016. In light of this, the Panel now expects to issue its final report to the parties by the end of 2017.