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Communication from Costa Rica

The following communication, dated 11 October 1995, from the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission, the Office of the United States Trade Representative and the Permanent Missions of Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico and the Chairman of the DSB is circulated at the request of the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica.

The Government of Costa Rica acknowledges receipt of document WT/DS16/1, dated 4 October 1995, concerning the request for consultations made by Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and the United States in connection with the European Union's Regime for the importation, sale and distribution of bananas, established in Regulation 404/93 and the subsequent legislation implementing, supplementing and amending it.

That request is based, *inter alia*, on Article 6 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures. Bearing in mind that that Article is one of the "... provisions in other covered agreements ...", referred to in Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes and the footnote thereto, and considering my Government's substantial trade interest in this matter, the Government of Costa Rica requests to be joined in the consultations.