

UNITED STATES – SECTION 211 OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 1998

Modification of the Agreement under Article 21.3(b) of the DSU

The following communication, dated 19 December 2003, from the Delegation of the European Commission and the Delegation of the United States to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 21.3(b) of the DSU.

With regard to the dispute *United States – Section 211 Omnibus Appropriations Act* (WT/DS176), we are pleased to inform you that – as suggested by the United States – the European Communities and the United States have mutually agreed to modify the "reasonable period of time" for implementation of the recommendations and rulings of the Dispute Settlement Body, which was originally established pursuant to Article 21.3(b) of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*, so as to expire on 31 December 2004.

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