

UNITED STATES - RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS
OF COTTON AND MAN-MADE FIBRE UNDERWEAR

Constitution of a Panel Established at the Request of Costa Rica

Note by the Secretariat

1. At its meeting on 5 March 1996, the DSB established a panel pursuant to the request of Costa Rica (WT/DS24/2), in accordance with Article 6 of the DSU (WT/DSB/M/12).
2. At that DSB meeting, parties agreed that the Panel should have standard terms of reference. The terms of reference of the Panel are the following:

"To examine, in the light of the relevant provisions of the covered agreements cited by Costa Rica in document WT/DS24/2, the matter referred to the DSB by Costa Rica in that document and to make such findings as will assist the DSB in making the recommendations or in giving the rulings provided for in those agreements".
3. On 4 April 1996, the Panel was constituted with the following composition:

Chairman: Mr. Thomas Cottier

Panelists: Mr. Martin Harvey
Mr. Johannes Human
4. In a communication dated 11 March 1996, India reserved its right to participate in the Panel proceedings as a third-party.
5. The Panel is assisted by Mr. Petros C. Mavroidis as Legal Officer and Mr. Richard Hughes as Secretary.