

UNITED STATES – SUBSIDIES ON UPLAND COTTON

Communication from Brazil

The following communication, dated 25 August 2008, addressed to Mr. Darius Rosati, the Chairman of the Arbitrator, has been received from the delegation of Brazil.

1. On 6 October 2005, Brazil requested authorization from the Dispute Settlement Body ("DSB") to take countermeasures in connection with the dispute United States - Subsidies on Upland Cotton (WT/DS267/26). As the United States objected to Brazil's request on 17 October 2005 (WT/DS267/27), the matter was referred to arbitration pursuant to Article 22.6 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes and Article 7.10 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures.

2. In a letter addressed to the Chairman of the Arbitrator, dated 21 November 2005, Brazil and the United States jointly requested that the above-mentioned arbitration proceedings were suspended until either party subsequently requested their resumption. In addition, Brazil and the United States agreed in the joint letter that if either party decided to request the resumption of the arbitration proceedings, that party should provide the other party with 30 days' advance notice before making such a request.

3. Such advance notice was given by Brazil to the United States in a letter dated 2 July 2008. Upon instructions from my authorities, I hereby request that the arbitration proceedings be resumed.
