

**UNITED STATES – CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF OBLIGATIONS
IN THE EC – HORMONES DISPUTE**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Canada

The following communication, dated 17 November 2004, from the delegation of Canada to the delegation of the United States, the delegation of the European Communities and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* ("DSU"), the Government of Canada hereby notifies its desire to be joined in the consultations requested of the United States ("US") by the European Communities ("EC") pursuant to Article XXII:1 of the *General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994* and Article 4 of the DSU. The EC has requested consultations on the US' continued suspension of certain of its concessions and related obligations further to a 26 July 1999 decision of the Dispute Settlement Body ("DSB") authorizing such suspension. The relevant communication from the delegation of the EC to the delegation of the US, dated 8 November 2004, was circulated to WTO Members on 10 November 2004 (WT/DS320/1).

Canada has a direct and substantial trade interest in these consultations. Canada has suspended concessions and related obligations pursuant to the same 26 July 1999 DSB decision, which the EC has also challenged. Therefore, Canada requests to be joined in these consultations.
