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**UNITED STATES - MEASURES AFFECTING TRADE
IN LARGE CIVIL AIRCRAFT
(SECOND COMPLAINT)**

RECOURSE TO ARTICLE 21.5 OF THE DSU BY THE EUROPEAN UNION

Communication from the Panel

The following communication, dated 15 January 2013, was received from the Chairman of the Panel with the request that it be circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB).

Article 21.5 of the Understanding on the Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU) provides that the panel shall circulate its report within 90 days after the date of referral of the matter to it.

Article 21.5 of the DSU further provides that, when a panel considers that it cannot provide its report within this time frame, it shall inform the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) in writing of the reasons together with an estimate of the period within which it will submit its report.

On 23 October 2012, the DSB referred the dispute *United States–Measures Affecting Trade in Large Civil Aircraft – Recourse to Article 21.5 by the European Union (Second Complaint)* (WT/DS353) to the original panel, if possible.¹ The Panel was composed on 30 October 2012.²

The Panel, after consultations with the parties, has adopted a timetable pursuant to which the case will be briefed and the substantive meeting of the parties and third parties with the Panel will be completed before summer break 2013; the timetable does not specify a date for the circulation of its report. Taking into account the scale and complexity of the dispute, the Panel expects that it will be in a position to circulate its report within the first half of 2014.

¹ See WT/DSB/M/323.

² See WT/DS353/21.