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Agreement under Article 21.3(b) of the DSU

The following communication, dated 19 December 2002, from the Permanent Mission of Peru and the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 21.3(b) of the DSU.

Pursuant to Article 21.3(b) of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*, the European Communities and Peru would like to inform the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) that they have agreed that the reasonable period of time for the European Communities to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB in the dispute *EC – Trade Description of Sardines* (DS231), adopted on 23 October 2002 will expire on 23 April 2003.

For the European Communities

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