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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - SAFEGUARD MEASURES ON IMPORTS OF POLYPROPYLENE BAGS AND TUBULAR FABRIC

Agreement under Article 21.3(b) of the DSU

The following communication, dated 13 April 2012, from the delegations of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and the delegation of Dominican Republic to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 21.3(b) of the DSU.

Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala ("the complainants") and the Dominican Republic would like to note for the record the statement made by the Dominican Republic on 23 March 2012, at the meeting of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), of its intentions with respect to the implementation of the DSB recommendations in the case *Dominican Republic - Safeguard Measures on Imports of Polypropylene Bags and Tubular Fabric* (DS415, DS416, DS417, DS418).

At that meeting, the Dominican Republic stated that, pursuant to Article 21.3 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU), it would proceed with the implementation of the DSB recommendations in the case at issue immediately, and in any case before 30 April 2012.

Accordingly, for the purposes of the Article 21.3 of the DSU, the complainants and Dominican Republic hereby state for the record that the *reasonable period of time* for the implementation of the DSB recommendations as set forth in panel report WT/DS415/R, WT/DS416/R, WT/DS417/R, WT/DS418/R (and the respective addenda thereto) expires on 30 April 2012.

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