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Request to Join Consultations

Communication from the United States

The following communication, dated 7 May 1997, from the Permanent Mission of the United States to the Permanent Mission of Argentina and to the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

I am writing to inform you that, pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, the United States wishes to be joined in consultations under Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 requested by the European Communities in WT/DS77/1. The European Communities' request, which was circulated to WTO Members on 28 April 1997, identified Argentine measures imposing certain specific duties and labelling requirements on textiles, clothing and footwear, including Decree 998/95 and Resolutions 622/95 and 26/96.

The United States, as a large exporter of textiles, clothing and footwear, has a substantial trade interest in these consultations.