

UNITED STATES – SUBSIDIES ON UPLAND COTTON

Recourse to Article 21.5 of the DSU by Brazil

Communication from the Chairman of the Panel

The following communication, dated 9 January 2007, addressed to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), is circulated pursuant to Article 21.5 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU).

Article 21.5 of the DSU stipulates that a panel considering the existence or consistency with a covered agreement of measures taken to comply with the recommendations and rulings of the DSB shall circulate its report within 90 days after the date of referral of the matter to it.

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

On 28 September 2006, the DSB agreed to refer the dispute *United States – Subsidies on Upland Cotton: Recourse to Article 21.5 of the DSU by Brazil* to the original panel, if possible. Subsequently, at the request of both parties, the Director-General determined the composition of the Panel on 25 October 2006.

Given the particular circumstances of this case and the schedule adopted after consultations with parties to this dispute, it has not been possible for the Panel to complete its work within the 90-day period as foreseen in Article 21.5.

The Panel expects to complete its work in July 2007.
