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## <u>CANADA - PATENT PROTECTION OF</u> <u>PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS</u>

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Switzerland

The following communication, dated 21 January 1998, from the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the Permanent Mission of Canada, to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission and to the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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Pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the Government of Switzerland hereby notifies the Dispute Settlement Body that it considers having substantial trade interest in the consultations requested by the European Communities in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 12 January 1998 (WT/DS114/1), entitled "Canada - Patent Protection of Pharmaceutical Products", and that it desire to be joined in these consultations.