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**INDIA – CERTAIN MEASURES RELATING TO SOLAR CELLS
AND SOLAR MODULES**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PANEL

The following communication, dated 24 March 2015, was received from the Chairperson of the Panel with the request that it be circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body.

Article 12.8 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU) provides that the period in which a panel shall conduct its examination, from the date that the composition and terms of reference of the panel have been agreed upon until the date the final report is issued to the parties to the dispute, shall, as a general rule, not exceed six months.

Article 12.9 of the DSU provides that, when a panel considers that it cannot issue its report within six months, it shall inform the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) in writing accordingly and indicate the reasons, together with an estimate of the period within which it will issue its report.

The Panel on *India – Certain Measures Relating to Solar Cells and Solar Modules* (WT/DS456) was established by the DSB on 23 May 2014 and composed on 24 September 2014.

The Panel expects to issue its final report to the parties by late August 2015, in accordance with the timetable adopted after consultation with the parties.

I would be grateful if you would circulate this letter to the Members of the DSB.
