

**UNITED STATES – MEASURES AFFECTING TRADE
IN LARGE CIVIL AIRCRAFT
(SECOND COMPLAINT)**

Communication from the Chairman of the Panel

The following communication, dated 16 December 2009, addressed to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body ("DSB"), is circulated in accordance with Article 12.9 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes ("DSU").

Article 12.8 of 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 DSB in writing of the reasons for the delay, together with an estimate of the period within which it will issue its report.

The Panel on *United States – Measures Affecting Trade in Large Civil Aircraft (Second Complaint)* (WT/DS353) was established by the DSB on 17 February 2006 and composed on 22 November 2006.

It will not be possible for the Panel to complete its work within six months of the date of composition in light of the substantive and procedural complexities of this dispute.

The Panel expects to issue its interim report to the parties in June 2010. As for the timing of the issuance and circulation of the final report, the Panel will inform the DSB in due course.
