

UNITED STATES - SECTIONS 301-310 OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from the Dominican Republic

The following communication, dated 7 December 1998, from the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the Permanent Mission of the United States, the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.4 of the DSU.

The Government of the Dominican Republic has taken note of the request for consultations made by the Commission of the European Communities and circulated in document WT/DS152/1, dated 30 November 1998, regarding Sections 301 to 310 of the United States Trade Act of 1974.

Since the measures in question are related to the matter "EC-Regime for the importation, sale and distribution of Bananas" (WT/DS27), and in view of the importance of trade in bananas for the economy of the Dominican Republic and our substantial trade interest in this matter, the Dominican Republic, in accordance with GATT Article XXII and Article 4:11 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding, wishes to be joined in the consultation procedure requested by the Commission of the European Communities.
