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<u>UNITED STATES - IMPOSITION OF ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES</u> ON IMPORTS OF COLOUR TELEVISION RECEIVERS FROM KOREA

Withdrawal of the Request for the Establishment of a Panel by Korea

The following communication, dated 5 January 1998, from the Permanent Mission of Korea to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 6.2 of the DSU.

On 6 November 1997, the Republic of Korea requested the establishment of a panel on United States - Imposition of Anti-Dumping Duties on Imports of Colour Television Receivers (CTVs) from Korea (WT/DS89/7).

Following the request, on 19 December 1997, the United States Department of Commerce took measures relevant to this matter: termination of the anti-circumvention investigation initiated on 19 January 1996 and a preliminary determination to revoke the anti-dumping duty order with respect to Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.

The Republic of Korea welcomes these measures as a positive development and hopes that the United States Department of Commerce will, in a most expeditious manner, make a final determination to revoke the anti-dumping duty order with respect to Samsung Electronics.

Pending the final determination to be taken by the United States, the Republic of Korea hereby withdraws its request dated 6 November 1997 for the establishment of a panel on this matter. However, the Republic of Korea reserves the right to reintroduce the request for the establishment of a panel in the event that the contents of the final determination to be taken by the United States differ from those of the preliminary determination.