

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – REGIME FOR THE IMPORTATION,  
SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF BANANAS**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Côte d'Ivoire*

The following communication, dated 9 September 1998, from the Permanent Mission of Côte d'Ivoire to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission is circulated pursuant to the procedure provided for under Article 21.5 of the DSU.

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The Government of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire has taken note of the request for consultations addressed by Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and the United States to the European Community concerning EC Council Regulation No. 1637/98 of 20 July 1998 on the Community regime for bananas, dated 31 August 1998 and communicated to WTO Members in accordance with Article 4.11 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding.

In view of the importance of bananas for its economy, Côte d'Ivoire wishes to participate in the above-mentioned consultations pursuant to Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes and Article XXII of GATT 1994.

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