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UNITED STATES – SECTION 211 OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 1998

Status Report by the United States

Addendum

The following communication, dated 16 January 2003, from the Permanent Mission of the United States to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 21.6 of the DSU.

Status Report Regarding Implementation of the DSB Recommendations and Rulings in the Dispute United States – Section 211 Omnibus Appropriations Act of 1998 (WT/DS176)

The United States submits this report in accordance with Article 21.6 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*.

On 2 February 2002, the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) adopted its recommendations and rulings in *United States - Section 211 Omnibus Appropriations Act of 1998* (WT/DS176). At the following DSB meeting on 18 February 2002, the United States informed the DSB of its intention to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB in connection with this matter. At that time, the United States also advised the DSB that a "reasonable period of time" would be required to complete this process. On 28 March 2002, the United States and the European Communities informed the DSB that they had reached a mutual agreement on the reasonable period of time for the United States to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB, and that the reasonable period of time would expire on 31 December 2002, or on the date on which the then-current session of the US Congress adjourned, whichever was later, and in no event later than 3 January 2003. On 20 December 2002, the United States and the European Communities informed the DSB that they had agreed to extend this period until 30 June 2003.

The 108th Congress is now getting organized and preparing to resume work. The United States Administration has been consulting with the US Congress concerning appropriate statutory measures and will continue to work with the Congress on resolving the dispute.
