

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Colombia

The following communication, dated 24 December 2001, from the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the Permanent Delegation of the European Communities, the Permanent Mission of Thailand and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

The Government of Colombia has taken due note of the request for consultations addressed by Thailand to the European Communities and circulated in document WT/DS242/1 (G/L/506) on 12 December 2001.

Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the Government of Colombia respectfully expresses its interest in being joined in the above consultations requested by Thailand pursuant to Article 4 of the DSU, Article XXIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994), and paragraph 4(b) of the Decision of the GATT Contracting Parties on Differential and More Favourable Treatment, Reciprocity and Fuller Participation of Developing Countries of 28 November 1979 (Enabling Clause), regarding measures under the EC's scheme of Generalized System of Preferences (GSP).

The request to be joined in the said consultations is made by Colombia as a beneficiary of the scheme of preferences applied by the European Communities to a group of countries. Given the substantial trade importance of this matter, we look forward to receiving information on the date and venue of these consultations.
