

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES AND CERTAIN MEMBER STATES –
MEASURES AFFECTING TRADE IN LARGE CIVIL AIRCRAFT**

Communication from the Chairman of the Panel

The following communication, dated 17 October 2008, addressed to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), is circulated in accordance with Article 12.9 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU).

Article 12.8 of the DSU provides that the period in which a panel shall conduct its examination, from the date that the composition and terms of reference of the panel have been agreed upon until the date the final report is issued to the parties to the dispute, shall, as a general rule, not exceed six months.

Article 12.9 of the DSU provides that, when a panel considers that it cannot issue its report within six months, it shall inform the DSB in writing of the reasons for the delay, together with an estimate of the period within which it will issue its report.

The Panel on *European Communities and Certain Member States – Measures Affecting Trade in Large Civil Aircraft* (WT/DS316) was established by the DSB on 20 July 2005 and composed on 17 October 2005.

It will not be possible for the Panel to complete its work within six months of the date of composition due to, *inter alia*, the substantive and procedural complexities and the volume of materials involved in this dispute.

The Panel expects to complete its work in 2009.
