



**EUROPEAN UNION AND ITS MEMBER STATES – CERTAIN MEASURES RELATING  
TO THE ENERGY SECTOR**

**CONSTITUTION OF THE PANEL ESTABLISHED AT THE REQUEST OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT**

1. At its meeting on 20 July 2015, the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) established a panel pursuant to the request of the Russian Federation in document WT/DS476/2, in accordance with Article 6 of the DSU (WT/DSB/M/365).

2. The Panel's terms of reference are the following:

"To examine, in the light of the relevant provisions of the covered agreements cited by the parties to the dispute, the matter referred to the DSB by the Russian Federation in document WT/DS476/2 and to make such findings as will assist the DSB in making the recommendations or in giving the rulings provided for in those agreements."

3. On 22 February 2016, the Russian Federation requested the Director-General to determine the composition of the panel, pursuant to paragraph 7 of Article 8 of the DSU. This paragraph provides:

"If there is no agreement on the panelists within 20 days after the date of the establishment of a panel, at the request of either party, the Director-General, in consultation with the Chairman of the DSB and the Chairman of the relevant Council or Committee, shall determine the composition of the panel by appointing the panelists whom the Director-General considers most appropriate in accordance with any relevant special or additional rules or procedures of the covered agreement or covered agreements which are at issue in the dispute, after consulting with the parties to the dispute. The Chairman of the DSB shall inform the Members of the composition of the panel thus formed no later than 10 days after the date the Chairman receives such a request."

4. On 7 March 2016<sup>1</sup>, the Director-General accordingly composed the Panel as follows:

Chairperson: Mr Felipe Lopeandía

Members: Mr Jose-Victor Chan-Gonzaga  
Mr Marco Tulio Molina Tejada

5. Brazil, China, Colombia, India, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Ukraine, and the United States have reserved their rights to participate in the Panel proceedings as third parties.

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<sup>1</sup> The Director-General's deadline for appointing the panelists was extended due to unforeseen circumstances and after notifying the parties.