

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – MEASURES AFFECTING THE APPROVAL  
AND MARKETING OF BIOTECH PRODUCTS**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from India*

The following communication, dated 28 May 2003, from the Permanent Mission of India to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission, the Permanent Mission of the United States and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the Government of India hereby notifies its desire to be joined in the consultations requested by the Permanent Mission of the United States to the Permanent Delegation of the European Communities and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) pursuant to Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), Article 11 of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement), Article 19 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Agriculture Agreement), Article 14 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT Agreement) and Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994) with regard to certain measures taken by the EC and its member States affecting products of biotechnology (biotech products). The 13 May 2003 communication from the Permanent Mission of the United States to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission was circulated to WTO members on 20 May 2003 (WT/DS291/1, G/L/627, G/SPS/GEN/397, G/AG/GEN/60, G/TBT/D/28).

India has a systemic interest in the consultations on the matter in the dispute. We would be grateful for being informed of the date and venue of consultations, so as to enable us to participate in the consultations.

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