

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

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Peru*

The following communication, dated 22 May 2003, from the Permanent Mission of Peru 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.

---

I have the honour to refer to the request for consultations presented by the Permanent Mission of the United States pursuant to Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes ("DSU"), with regard to the measures affecting the approval and marketing of products of biotechnology (WT/DS291/1).

In conformity with Article 4.11 of Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the Government of Peru hereby expresses its desire to be joined in these consultations because of its substantial systemic interest therein, on account of the implications of the issue for the implementation of the Agreement on Agriculture, the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade.

---