

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

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Colombia

The following communication, dated 26 May 2003, from the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission, the Permanent Mission of the United States and the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), I hereby notify Colombia's substantial trade interest and hence its desire to be joined in the consultations requested by the United States under Article 11 of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures ("SPS Agreement"), Article 19 of the Agreement on Agriculture, 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").
