

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

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from India*

The following communication, dated 4 June 2003, from the Permanent Mission of India to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission, the Permanent Mission of Argentina 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 Argentina 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 11.1 of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement), Article 19 of the Agreement on Agriculture, and Article 14.1 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT Agreement), and Article XXII.1 of the GATT 1994 with regard to certain measures taken by the European Communities and their member States which affect products of biotechnology. The 14 May 2003 communication from the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission was circulated to WTO members on 21 May 2003 (WT/DS293/1, G/L/629, G/SPS/GEN/399, G/AG/GEN/62, G/TBT/D/30).

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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