

**UNITED STATES – MEASURES AFFECTING THE CROSS-BORDER SUPPLY  
OF GAMBLING AND BETTING SERVICES**

Recourse to Article 21.5 of the DSU by Antigua and Barbuda

Communication from the Chairman of the Panel

The following communication, dated 20 December 2006, addressed to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), is circulated in accordance with Article 21.5 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU).

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Article 21.5 of the DSU stipulates that a panel established under that provision shall circulate its report within 90 days after the date of referral of the matter to it.

Article 21.5 of the DSU further stipulates that when a panel considers that it cannot provide its report within that timeframe, it shall inform the DSB in writing of the reasons for the delay together with an estimate of the period within which it will issue its report.

On 19 July 2006, the DSB agreed to refer the dispute *United States – Measures Affecting the Cross-Border Supply of Gambling and Betting Services: Recourse to Article 21.5 of the DSU by Antigua and Barbuda* to the original panel, if possible. As the Chairperson of the original panel and one of the panelists were unavailable to serve, the parties agreed on the composition of a new panel, which was constituted on 16 August 2006.

Due to the parties' scheduling constraints as well as the time required for the completion and translation of the report into French and Spanish, the Panel will not be able to issue its report within the 90-day period foreseen in Article 21.5 of the DSU.

The Panel expects to circulate its report to Members by the end of March 2007.

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