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

Request by the United States for Arbitration under Article 22.6 of the DSU

The following communication, dated 23 July 2007, from the delegation of the United States to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 22.6 of the DSU.

Regarding the Recourse by Antigua and Barbuda to Article 22.2 of the DSU (WT/DS285/22) in the dispute United States – Measures Affecting the Cross-Border Supply of Gambling and Betting Services (WT/DS285), my authorities have instructed me to inform you that, pursuant to Article 22.6 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes ("DSU"), the United States (i) objects to the level of suspension of concessions and obligations under the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights and the General Agreement on Trade in Services proposed by Antigua and Barbuda in document WT/DS285/22, and (ii) claims that Antigua and Barbuda's proposal in document WT/DS285/22 does not follow the principles and procedures set forth in paragraph 3 of Article 22 of the DSU.

Accordingly, as required by Article 22.6 of the DSU¹, the matter has been referred to arbitration.

¹ Pursuant to Article 22.6 of the DSU, "if the Member concerned objects to the level of suspension proposed, or claims that the principles and procedures set forth in paragraph 3 have not been followed where a complaining party has requested authorization to suspend concessions or other obligations pursuant to paragraph 3(b) or (c), the matter shall be referred to arbitration."