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Recourse to Article 21.5 of the DSU by Mexico

Communication from the Chairman of the Panel

The following communication, dated 9 November 2011, addressed to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 21.5 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes.

Article 21.5 of the DSU stipulates that a panel considering the existence or consistency with a covered agreement of measures taken to comply with the recommendations and rulings of the DSB shall circulate its report within 90 days after the date of referral of the matter to it.

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

On 21 September 2010, the DSB agreed to refer the dispute *United States – Final Anti-Dumping Measures on Stainless Steel from Mexico – Recourse to Article 21.5 of the DSU by Mexico* (WT/DS/344) to the original panel, if possible. One of the original panel members was unavailable to serve as a member of the compliance panel. Consequently, the compliance Panel was composed on 13 May 2011, with that panel member being replaced by a new member.

The timetable adopted by the Panel after consultations with the Parties to the dispute envisages that the final report shall be issued to the Parties by March 2012. The Panel expects to conclude its work within that time-frame.