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EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES AND CERTAIN MEMBER STATES – MEASURES AFFECTING TRADE IN LARGE CIVIL AIRCRAFT

RECOURSE TO ARTICLE 21.5 OF THE DSU BY THE EUROPEAN UNION AND CERTAIN MEMBER STATES

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PANEL

The following communication, dated 16 November 2018, was received from the Chairperson of the Panel with the request that it be circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body.

Article 21.5 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU) provides that the panel shall circulate its report within 90 days after the date of referral of the matter to it.

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

On 27 August 2018, the DSB decided to refer the dispute *European Communities and Certain Member States – Measures Affecting Trade in Large Civil Aircraft – Recourse to Article 21.5 of the DSU by the European Union and Certain Member States* (DS316) to the original panel, if possible. The Panel was composed on 28 September 2018.

Taking into account the complexity of the dispute, the Panel does not currently expect that it will complete its work before the end of 2019.