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CANADA – MEASURES CONCERNING TRADE IN COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PANEL

The following communication, dated 10 October 2019, was received from the Chairperson of the Panel with the request that it be circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body.

Article 12.8 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU) provides that the period in which a panel shall conduct its examination, from the date that the composition and terms of reference of the panel have been agreed upon until the date the final report is issued to the parties to the dispute, shall, as a general rule, not exceed six months.

Article 12.9 of the DSU provides that, when a panel considers that it cannot issue its report within six months, it shall inform the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) in writing accordingly and indicate the reasons, together with an estimate of the period within which it will issue its report.

The Panel on *Canada – Measures Concerning Trade in Commercial Aircraft* (DS522) was established by the DSB on 29 September 2017 and composed on 6 February 2018.

In light of changes in the timetable for this dispute pursuant to requests made by the parties, and considering the complexity of this dispute, the Panel now expects to issue its final report to the parties during the second half of 2020.

The report will only be available to the public once it is circulated to the Members in all three working languages of the WTO. The date of circulation depends on completion of translation and the Panel is not in a position to provide an estimated circulation date at this time.
