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COMMUNICATION FROM THE PANEL

The following communication, dated 18 December 2020, addressed to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), is circulated in accordance with Article 12.9 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU).

In its communication to the DSB of 30 September 2019 (WT/DS526/4), the Panel indicated that it expected to issue its final report to the parties in the second half of 2020. However, it will not be possible for the Panel to issue its final report to the parties by that time, due to the complexity of the dispute, the large volume of evidence and the disruptions to the Panel's work resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Panel now expects to issue its final report to the parties in the first quarter of 2021.

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.

I would be grateful if you would circulate this letter to the DSB.
