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**UNITED ARAB EMIRATES – MEASURES RELATING TO TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES,
AND TRADE-RELATED ASPECTS OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PANEL

The following communication, dated 18 January 2021, was received from the Chairperson of the Panel with the request that it be circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB).

In the context of facilitating an amicable final settlement of the dispute between the parties, on 11 January 2021, Qatar requested the Panel to suspend its work in accordance with Article 12.12 of the DSU, until further notice. On 14 January 2021, the UAE agreed with Qatar's request. The Panel has agreed to this request, effective 15 January 2021.

We recall that Article 12.12 of the DSU provides that the Panel may suspend its work at any time at the request of the complaining party for a period not exceeding 12 months. This provision also indicates that if the work of the Panel has been suspended for more than 12 months, the authority for establishment of the Panel shall lapse.

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