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**TURKEY – CERTAIN MEASURES CONCERNING THE PRODUCTION,
IMPORTATION AND MARKETING OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS**

SUSPENSION OF PANEL WORK

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PANEL

The following communication, dated 24 March 2022, was received from the Chairperson of the Panel with the request that it be circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body.

The Panel issued its Final Report in the above-mentioned proceedings to the parties on 11 November 2021. In the letter transmitting the Final Report to the parties, the Panel informed the parties that the Panel Report would be circulated to Members as soon as its translation into French and Spanish was finalized, and that translation was expected to be finalized in mid-January 2022.

In its communication to the parties of 22 December 2021, the Panel informed the parties that it had granted the European Union's request that the Panel suspend its work, pursuant to Article 12.12 of the DSU, for a period of one month. In communications to the parties of 21 January 2022, of 10 February 2022, and of 24 February 2022, the Panel informed the parties that it had agreed to the European Union's requests for extensions of the suspension of the Panel's work. Communications from the Panel were circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body on 22 December 2021 (WT/DS583/6), 21 January 2022 (WT/DS583/7), 10 February 2022 (WT/DS583/8) and 24 February 2022 (WT/DS583/9).

Through a letter from the European Union of 22 March 2022, the parties notified to the Panel Agreed Procedures for Arbitration under Article 25 of the DSU (Arbitration Agreement).

Paragraph 4 of the Arbitration Agreement states that the notification of the Arbitration Agreement to the Panel is deemed to constitute a joint request by the parties for a further indefinite suspension of the panel proceedings, pursuant to Article 12.12 of the DSU.

The Panel agrees to the parties' joint request and hereby extends the suspension of the Panel's work indefinitely, to allow time for the completion of the appeal arbitration, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Arbitration Agreement.

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