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**EUROPEAN UNION – CERTAIN MEASURES CONCERNING
PALM OIL AND OIL PALM CROP-BASED BIOFUELS**

SUSPENSION OF PANEL WORK

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PANEL

The following communication, dated 5 March 2024, was received from the Chairperson of the Panel with the request that it be circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body.

On 4 March 2024, Indonesia requested the Panel to suspend its work for a period of two months.

Indonesia made its request pursuant to Article 12.12 of the DSU, which 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.

The Panel has agreed to Indonesia's request. The Panel's work is suspended as from 5 March 2024 for a period of two months. For greater clarity, the Panel will resume its work, and circulate the Panel Report, on 6 May 2024.

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