

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – TRADE DESCRIPTION OF SARDINES**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Venezuela*

The following communication, dated 1 May 2001, from the Permanent Mission of Venezuela to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission, the Permanent Mission of Peru and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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I wish to inform you that Venezuela is interested in being joined in the consultations to be held between the European Communities (EC) and Peru concerning: European Communities (EC) – Trade Description of Sardines (WT/DS231/1).

Our request is based specifically on Venezuela's substantial trade interest in this case, in accordance with Article 4.11 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding.

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