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EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – TRADE DESCRIPTION OF SARDINES

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Ecuador

The following communication, dated 3 May 2001, from the Permanent Mission of Ecuador 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.

I refer to the communication from the Permanent Representative of Peru dated 23 April 2001, contained in document WT/DS231/1, G/L/449, G/TBT/D/22, requesting consultations with the European Communities concerning Regulation (EEC) No. 2136/89 governing the use of the trade description "sardines" for imports of the species "*sardinops sagax sagax*" into the European Communities.

In view of its substantial trade interest in this product, Ecuador hereby requests to be joined in these consultations in accordance with its rights under Article 4.11 of the DSU.

I should be grateful if you would let me know the date when the consultations will be held.
