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Status Report by the European Communities

Addendum

The following communication, dated 8 April 2009, from the delegation of the European Communities to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 21.6 of the DSU.

Status Report Regarding Implementation of the
DSB Recommendations and Rulings in the Dispute

European Communities – Measures Affecting the Approval
and Marketing of Biotech Products
(WT/DS291, WT/DS292, WT/DS293)

As reported in the last Status Report, following meetings held in January and February 2009, both Argentina (WT/DS293/36) and Canada (WT/DS292/37) have agreed to further extend the reasonable period of time for implementation of the WTO panel report (RPT) until 30 June 2009 and 1 May 2009, respectively.

The EC is ready to continue its constructive discussions with the three complainants with the goal of resolving this dispute and related issues.