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Communication from the European Communities

The following communication, dated 11 June 2003, from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the Permanent Mission of Canada and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body is circulated at the request of the European Communities.

I would like to refer to your letters dated 30 May 2003 expressing the desire of Canada to be joined in the consultations requested by the United States and Argentina on the approval and marketing of genetically-modified organisms (documents WT/DS291/1 and WT/DS293/1).

The European Communities accepts the request of Canada. I will inform you as soon as possible of the date and venue of the consultations.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, for circulation to Members.