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Status Report by the European Communities

Addendum

The following communication, dated 8 January 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

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and Marketing of Biotech Products
(WT/DS291, WT/DS292, WT/DS293)

The European Communities and the three complainants have continued to be engaged in constructive discussions with the goal of resolving this dispute and related issues.

Following the extension of the reasonable period of time for implementation (RPT) of the WTO panel report by both Argentina (WT/DS293/35) until 1 March 2009 and Canada (WT/DS292/36) until 1 March 2009, the EC will soon hold further discussions with both Canada and Argentina.