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Status Report by the European Union¹

Addendum

The following communication, dated 8 March 2010, from the delegation of the European Union 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/DS293)

By communication to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body dated 26 February 2010 (document WT/DS293/40), Argentina and the European Union notified the extension until 31 March 2010 of the "reasonable period of time" to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB in this case.

The European Union remains ready to continue its discussions with Argentina and the United States with the goal of resolving this dispute and related issues.

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¹ On 1 December 2009, the Treaty of Lisbon amending the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Community (done at Lisbon, 13 December 2007) entered into force. On 29 November 2009, the WTO received a Verbal Note (WT/L/779) from the Council of the European Union and the Commission of the European Communities stating that, by virtue of the Treaty of Lisbon, as of 1 December 2009, the European Union replaces and succeeds the European Community.