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Status Report by the European Communities

Addendum

The following communication, dated 8 May 2008, 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)

Since its last status report, 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.

In order to allow this dialogue to continue, Argentina and Canada had agreed to further extend the reasonable period of time for implementation until 11 and 30 June 2008 respectively. As requested by the US and the EC, the arbitration proceedings under Article 22.6 DSU on the US retaliation request were suspended as of 18 February 2008.