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Status Report by the European Communities

Addendum

The following communication, dated 18 August 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

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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.

In order to allow this dialogue to continue, Canada has agreed to further extend the reasonable period of time (RPT) for implementation of the WTO panel report until 31 December 2008 (WT/DS292/34). Similarly, Argentina has agreed to further extend the RPT until 1 December 2008. Another technical meeting between the United States and the European Communities has been tentatively scheduled for October 2008.