

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – EXPORT SUBSIDIES ON SUGAR**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Madagascar*

The following communication, dated 11 October 2002, from the Permanent Mission of Madagascar to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission, the Permanent Mission of Australia and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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I have the honour to refer to the communications from the Permanent Missions of Australia and Brazil addressed to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body entitled "European Communities - Export Subsidies on Sugar" and which have been circulated on 1 October 2002, in accordance with Article 4.4 of the DSU, as documents WT/DS265/1, G/L/569, G/AG/GEN/52 and G/SCM/D47/1 and WT/DS266/1, G/L/570, G/AG/GEN/53 and G/SCM/D48/1 respectively.

The communications refer to consultations being sought with the European Communities (EC) pursuant to Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994), Article 19 of the Agreement on Agriculture, and Articles 4 and 30 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (SCM Agreement) with respect to the EC's Common Organisation of the Market in sugar and its application and implementation and to the export subsidies provided by the EC to the sugar sector, respectively.

In view of the substantial trade interest of Madagascar as a supplier to the EC sugar market, acting on authority vested in me by my government, I wish to notify you of the desire of Madagascar to be joined in the consultations between the EC, Australia and Brazil pursuant to Article 4.11 of the DSU.

I await your reply to this request.

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