

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – REGIME FOR THE IMPORTATION,
SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF BANANAS**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Brazil

The following communication, dated 14 September 1998, from the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the Permanent Delegation of the European Community, is circulated pursuant to the procedure provided for under Article 21.5 of the DSU.

I wish to inform you that Brazil, due to its substantial trade interest, wishes to join in the consultations requested by the Government of Ecuador, the United States, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico, to examine compliance with the recommendations and rulings of the panel: *European Communities – Regime for the Importation, Sale and Distribution of Bananas*.

As this delegation pointed out in the last DSB meeting, Brazil has become the second largest producer of bananas and any decision on the distribution of shares in the Community quota regime is of significant interest to Brazilian exporters.
