

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE APPELLATE BODY

Communication from the Appellate Body

The following communication, dated 15 December 2003, to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, from Mr. James Bacchus, the former Chairman of the Appellate Body, is circulated to Members.

I am writing to inform you that my term as Chairman of the Appellate Body has expired. Pursuant to Rule 5.1 of the *Working Procedures for Appellate Review*, the Members of the Appellate Body have elected Mr. Georges Michel Abi-Saab to serve as Chairman from 13 December 2003 to 12 December 2004.

It has been an honour for me to serve the WTO during the last eight years, and to serve as Chairman of the Appellate Body in 2002 and 2003. Let me take this opportunity to express once again my appreciation for the collegiality and warm hospitality that you have extended to me and my colleagues on the Appellate Body.
