

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES - MEASURES AFFECTING DIFFERENTIAL
AND FAVOURABLE TREATMENT OF COFFEE**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Bolivia

The following communication, dated 21 December 1998, from the Permanent Mission of Bolivia to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission and the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

The Government of Bolivia notes the request for consultations made by Brazil concerning the special treatment granted by the European Community to products originating in Andean Group countries and Central American Common Market countries (document WT/DS154/1 of 11 December 1998).

Pursuant to preambular paragraph 15, Article 3, and Annex V of Regulation 1256 of 1996, Bolivia is a beneficiary of tariff preferences granted to countries conducting effective programmes to combat drug production and trafficking. As a significant part of our trade with the European Community is covered by these preferences, Bolivia has a substantial trade interest in this matter.

The Government of Bolivia therefore requests to be joined in this consultation procedure in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 11, of the DSU.
