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### Requests Pursuant to Article 27.4 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures

### Requests Pursuant to the Procedure Established In Document G/SCM/39

EL SALVADOR

The following communication, dated 19 December 2001, has been received from the Permanent Mission of El Salvador.

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Please find attached a note from the Vice-Minister for Economic Affairs of El Salvador for circulation to Members of the Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures requesting an extension of the transition period provided for in Article 27.4 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures for the country's free zone programmes, in accordance with the Decision on implementation-related issues and concerns and the procedure established in document G/SCM/39, both adopted by the Fourth WTO Ministerial Conference.

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I hereby wish to inform you that the Government of the Republic of El Salvador has decided to ask the WTO Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, pursuant to the Decision on implementation-related issues and concerns and the procedure established in document G/SCM/39, adopted by the Fourth WTO Ministerial Conference, for an extension of the transition period provided for in Article 27.4 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures for the programmes established under its Export Processing Zones and Marketing Act, approved by Legislative Decree No. 405 of 3 September 1998, published in Official Gazette No. 176, Volume No. 340, of 23 September 1998, as amended by Legislative Decree No. 464 of 22 October 1998, published in Official Gazette No. 215, Volume No. 341, of 18 November 1998. This request is in response to the economic, financial and development needs of El Salvador.

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