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## NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.1(A) OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS ON INITIATION OF AN INVESTIGATION AND THE REASONS FOR IT

### NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.1(C) OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS

#### Questions Posed by MEXICO Regarding the Notifications of ECUADOR<sup>1</sup>

The following communication, dated 19 May 2003, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Mexico.

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Mexico would like to ask the **Government of Ecuador** the following questions relating to the application of the measures listed hereunder.

#### Provisional measures on medium density fibreboard (MDF) (G/SG/N/6/ECU/3, G/SG/N/10/ECU/2)

1. Why did Ecuador not notify the initiation of the investigation until February 2003, almost two months after it had begun?
2. What time-limit was granted to exporters for taking part in the investigation and on which date was the decision implementing the provisional measure published in the Official Register?
3. Why was the provisional measure notified a month after its imposition?
4. How did Ecuador comply with Article 9.1 of the Agreement on Safeguards?
5. Would Ecuador please explain why Mexico was not exempted from application of the provisional safeguard measure in spite of the fact that, according to the figures supplied by the Latin American Integration Association (LAIA), it did not make significant exports to Ecuador.
6. Will a public hearing be held in these proceedings? If so, on what date?

#### Definitive measures on matches (G/SG/N/6/ECU/2, G/SG/N/10/ECU/1)

1. Would Ecuador please explain how it complied with Article 9.1 of the Agreement on Safeguards.

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<sup>1</sup> G/SG/N/6/ECU/2 & 3, G/SG/N/10/ECU/1 & 2.

2. Would Ecuador please explain why Mexico was not exempted from application of the definitive safeguard measure given that, according to the figures supplied by the LAIA, it made no exports to Ecuador.

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