

**UNITED STATES – ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES ON
CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED STEEL PRODUCTS FROM JAPAN**

Request for Modification of the Reasonable Period of Time

The following communication, dated 22 November 2002, from the Permanent Mission of the United States to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated at the request of that delegation.

With regard to the dispute *United States - Anti-Dumping Measures on Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Products from Japan* (WT/DS184), the United States proposes that the "reasonable period of time" for implementation of the recommendations and rulings of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) be modified so as to expire on 31 December 2003, or on the date on which the first session of the next US Congress adjourns, whichever is earlier.

The United States believes that such an extension of time would promote a principal aim of the dispute settlement system, which is to provide mutually satisfactory solutions to disputes. The United States is consulting with the Government of Japan regarding this proposal.

The United States asks that the DSB approve this proposal, and, to that end, requests a meeting of the DSB on 5 December 2002, to consider this matter.
