

**EGYPT – DEFINITIVE ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES  
ON STEEL REBAR FROM TURKEY**

Communication from the Chairman of the Panel

The following communication, dated 25 January 2002, addressed to the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), is circulated in accordance with Article 12.9 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding.

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Article 12.8 of the DSU stipulates that the period in which a panel shall conduct its examination, from the date that the composition and terms of reference of the panel have been agreed upon until the date that the final report is issued to the parties shall, as a general rule, not exceed six months.

Article 12.9 of the DSU states that when a panel considers that it cannot issue its report within six months, it shall inform the DSB in writing of the reasons for the delay, together with an estimate of the period within which it will issue its report.

The Panel on "Egypt – Definitive Anti-Dumping Measures on Steel Rebar from Turkey" was established by the DSB on 20 June 2001 to examine a complaint from Turkey.

The Panel was composed on 20 July 2001. However, the Panel has not been able to complete its work in six months due to extensions of the timetable that were requested by parties, and that were necessitated by technical problems with certain submissions by parties.

The Panel expects to circulate the final report to the parties by mid-June 2002.

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