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## NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS UNDER ARTICLES 18.5 AND 32.6 OF THE AGREEMENTS

### Questions from the EUROPEAN COMMUNITY to VENEZUELA<sup>1</sup>

The following communication, dated 2 October 1996, has been received from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission.

With regard to Venezuela's supplement to its countervailing duty legislation, notified on 28 May 1996, under Article 32.6 of the WTO Subsidies Agreement (document G/ADP/N/1/VEN/1-G/SCM/N/1/VEN/1/Suppl.2), the European Community would like to ask the following questions:

- Could Venezuela explain what legal form (i.e. decree, law, regulation, amendment) this notified legislation has?
- Could Venezuela explain the legal relationship between the notified legislation and the Law on Unfair Trade Practices? What will happen if provisions of these instruments conflict?
- Could Venezuela clarify under what conditions the CASS can initiate an investigation *ex officio*?
- The notified legislation states that the CASS has ten working days after the application is lodged to decide whether to initiate an investigation. Can Venezuela explain how it intends to offer consultations and hold consultations under Article 13.1 of the Subsidies Agreement within a period of ten days?
- The Technical Secretariat may apply confidential treatment to the information supplied. Under what conditions will confidential treatment be granted?
- Are "price" and "elimination of exports" the only possible undertakings?

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<sup>1</sup>G/ADP/N/1/VEN/1-G/SCM/N/1/VEN/1 + Suppl.1 & 2.