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EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES - REGIME FOR THE IMPORTATION,
SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF BANANAS

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Costa Rica

The following communication, dated 10 November 1997, from the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission, the Permanent Mission of Panama and to the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4:11 of the DSU.

The Government of Costa Rica hereby requests to join the consultations sought by the Republic of Panama concerning the European Communities' Regime for the Importation, Sale and Distribution of Bananas as established through Regulation 404/93 and the legislation which implements, supplements or amends that regime, including the Framework Agreement on Bananas.¹

This request is made pursuant to Article 4, paragraph 11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes. Costa Rica has a substantial trade interest in this matter, as a banana-producing country whose exports to the European Union amount to 23.4 per cent of total non-preferential imports.

¹Document WT/DS105/1 of 29 October 1997.