

BRAZIL - MEASURES AFFECTING DESICCATED COCONUT

Constitution of the Panel Established at the Request of the Philippines

Note by the Secretariat

1. At its meeting on 5 March 1996, the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) established a panel in accordance with the request made by the Philippines in document WT/DS22/5 (WT/DSB/M/12).
2. On 22 March 1996 the parties agreed that the Panel should have the following terms of reference:  
  
"To examine, in the light of the relevant provisions in GATT 1994 and the Agreement on Agriculture, the matter referred to the DSB by the Philippines in document WT/DS22/5, taking into account the submission made by Brazil in document WT/DS22/3 and the record of discussions at the meeting of the DSB on 21 February 1996, and to make such findings as will assist the DSB in making the recommendations or in giving the rulings provided for in those agreements."
3. On 16 April 1996, the Panel was constituted with the following composition:  
  
Chairman: Mr. Maamoun Abdel-Fattah  
Members: Mr. Zdenek Jung  
              Mr. Joseph Weiler
4. Canada, the European Communities, Indonesia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and the United States have reserved their rights as third-parties to the dispute.
5. The Panel is assisted by Jesse Kreier as Legal Officer and Judith Czako as Secretary.