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## PAKISTAN - PATENT PROTECTION FOR PHARMACEUTICAL AND AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL PRODUCTS

### Request to Join Consultations

### Communication from the European Communities

The following communication, dated 20 May 1996, from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the Permanent Mission of Pakistan, and to the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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Pursuant to the procedures laid down in Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the European Communities and their Member States wish to be included in the consultations under Article 64.1 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights in conjunction with Article XXII:1 of GATT 1994 requested by the United States by a communication circulated to WTO Members on 6 May 1996 (WT/DS36/1, IP/D/2) regarding the absence in Pakistan of either patent protection for pharmaceutical and agricultural chemical product patents and a system to grant exclusive marketing rights in such products.

The European pharmaceutical and agro-chemical industry has an important export interest in the Pakistan market. The actual amount of this interest is, at this stage, difficult to evaluate because Pakistan does not provide for either patent protection or the above-mentioned filing and marketing systems.