

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE APPELLATE BODY TO
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT BODY**

The following communication, dated 6 February 2003, from the Chairman of the Appellate Body to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated to Members for their information.

Thank you for your letter of 3 February 2003, transmitting the comments of WTO Members on the proposed amendments to the *Working Procedures for Appellate Review*. The Appellate Body welcomes the comments and will take them into account in preparing the final version of the amendments.

The proposed amendments attached as Annex A to my letter to you dated 17 December 2002, and circulated in WT/AB/WP/5, dated 19 December 2002, are now under review and therefore will not have effect as from 15 February 2003. In the meantime, as indicated in WT/AB/WP/5, the Appellate Body will continue to apply provisionally the Rules as amended in September 2002 until further notice.

I would be grateful if you would circulate this letter to WTO Members as soon as possible.
