

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

Request by Belize Regarding Consultations by Ecuador

The following communication, dated 20 November 1998, from the Permanent Mission of Belize to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission, the Permanent Mission of Ecuador and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to the procedure provided for under Article 21.5 of the DSU.

The Mission of Belize to the European Communities and Permanent Mission to the World Trade Organization presents its compliments to the Permanent Delegation of the European Communities to the World Trade Organization and makes reference to the request from the Government of Ecuador, as circulated in document WT/DS27/30 of 16 November 1998, for the reactivation of consultations with the European Communities on its compliance with the recommendations and rulings of the Dispute Settlement Body in *European Communities - Regime for the Importation, Sale and Distribution of Bananas*.

Given its substantial interest in the measures being adopted by the European Communities in respect of its banana regime as evidenced by Belize's participation along with Members of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of countries as Third Parties in the previous panels established under GATT and the WTO, the Government of Belize hereby requests to be joined in the consultations.

The Mission of Belize to the European Communities and Permanent Mission to the World Trade Organization avails of the opportunity to renew to the Permanent Delegation of the European Communities to the World Trade Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.
