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UNITED STATES - SAFEGUARD MEASURE AGAINST  
IMPORTS OF BROOM CORN BROOMS

Request for Consultations by Colombia

The following communication, dated 28 April 1997, from the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the Permanent Mission of the United States, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.4 of the DSU.

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The Colombian Government has instructed me to request consultations with the Government of the United States pursuant to Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 and Article 14 of the Agreement on Safeguards, concerning Presidential Proclamation 6961 of 28 November 1996 adopting a safeguard measure against imports of broom corn brooms.

The adoption and implementation of this safeguard appears to be inconsistent with the obligations of the United States under the Agreement on Safeguards and the GATT 1994, in particular Articles 2, 4, 5, 9 and 12 of the Agreement on Safeguards and Articles II, XI, XIII and XIX of the GATT 1994, and nullifies and impairs the benefits accruing to Colombia under the GATT 1994.