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**EUROPEAN UNION – ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES ON CERTAIN
COLD-ROLLED FLAT STEEL PRODUCTS FROM RUSSIA**

SUSPENSION OF THE PANEL'S WORK

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PANEL

The following communication, dated 13 July 2023, was received from the Chairman of the Panel with the request that it be circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB).

On 28 March 2022, the Panel informed the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) that, effective from 28 March 2022, it had accepted a request by the Russian Federation pursuant to Article 12.12 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU) to suspend its work in the current proceedings for an indeterminate period of time.¹

After 11 months and 25 days of suspension, the Panel resumed its work in the current proceedings as of 22 March 2023 pursuant to a request from the Russian Federation. The Panel informed the DSB of the resumption of its work on 31 March 2023.²

On 16 June 2023, the Panel received a communication from the Russian Federation requesting the Panel to again suspend its proceedings, in accordance with Article 12.12 of the DSU, for an indeterminate period of time. On 23 June 2023, the European Union indicated that it does not intend to provide any specific comments on Russia's request to suspend the proceedings again.

Pursuant to the Russian Federation's request under Article 12.12 of the DSU, as the complainant in the current proceedings, the Panel has decided to suspend its work again, effective from 13 July 2023.

The Panel would note that Article 12.12 of the DSU provides that the Panel may suspend its work at any time at the request of the complaining party for a period not exceeding 12 months. This provision also states that if the work of the Panel has been suspended for more than 12 months, the authority for establishment of the Panel shall lapse.

I would be grateful if you would circulate this communication to the DSB.

¹ See WT/DS521/6.

² See WT/DS521/7.