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**UNITED STATES – ANTI-DUMPING AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES
ON RIPE OLIVES FROM SPAIN**

RECOURSE TO ARTICLE 22.6 OF THE DSU BY THE UNITED STATES

The following communication, dated 22 November 2024, from the delegation of the United States to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 22.6 of the DSU.

Regarding the European Union's recourse to Article 22.2 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* ("DSU") in the dispute *United States – Anti-dumping and countervailing duties on ripe olives from Spain* (WT/DS577), my authorities have instructed me to inform you that, pursuant to Article 22.6 of the DSU, the United States objects to the levels of suspension of concessions or other obligations "with respect to the goods sector under the agreements listed in Annex 1A of the WTO Agreement, taken as a whole" proposed by the European Union in document WT/DS577/20.¹

Accordingly, as required by Article 22.6 of the DSU², the matter has been referred to arbitration.

¹ The European Union's request in document WT/DS577/20 is limited to the suspension of concessions or other obligations with respect to "the goods sector under the agreements listed in Annex 1A of the WTO Agreement, taken as a whole". Accordingly, any proposed suspension of concessions or obligations in another sector or under another agreement would not follow the principles and procedures set forth in Article 22.3 of the DSU.

² Pursuant to Article 22.6 of the DSU, "if the Member concerned objects to the level of suspension proposed, ... the matter shall be referred to arbitration".