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**MOROCCO — DEFINITIVE ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES
ON SCHOOL EXERCISE BOOKS FROM TUNISIA**

COMMUNICATION FROM TUNISIA

The following communication, dated 16 August 2021, was received from the delegation of Tunisia with the request that it be circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB).

On 27 July 2021, the Panel in *Morocco – Definitive Anti-Dumping Measures on School Exercise Books from Tunisia* (DS578) issued its final report to WTO Members. The following day, Morocco, in a Notice of Appeal, notified its decision to appeal under Article 16.4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (WT/DS578/5).

Morocco did not, however, serve an appellant's submission "on the same day as the date of the filing of the Notice of Appeal", contrary to Rule 21(1) of the Working Procedures for Appellate Review.

Pursuant to Rule 22(1) of the above-mentioned Working Procedures, Tunisia is entitled to serve an appellee's submission, within 18 days after the date of the filing of the Notice of Appeal, in order to "respond to allegations raised in an appellant's submission filed pursuant to Rule 21".

Since Morocco did not serve its appellant's submission, Tunisia confirms that it is not in a position to exercise its right to serve an appellee's submission within the required time frame given that it does not know which specific arguments Morocco intends to raise to challenge the merits of the Panel Report in the above-mentioned dispute.

In light of the foregoing, I would be grateful if you could circulate this letter to WTO Members.
