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**EUROPEAN UNION – CERTAIN MEASURES CONCERNING
PALM OIL AND OIL PALM CROP-BASED BIOFUELS**

RECOURSE TO ARTICLE 22.6 OF THE DSU BY THE EUROPEAN UNION

The following communication, dated 19 March 2026, from the delegation of the European Union to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 22.6 of the DSU.

With regard to Indonesia's recourse to Article 22.2 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes ("DSU") in the dispute *European Union – Certain Measures Concerning Palm Oil and Oil Palm Crop-Based Biofuels (DS593)*, the European Union hereby formally objects to Indonesia's request for authorisation to suspend concessions or other obligations, as set out in its communication of 6 March 2026 (WT/DS593/20).

In particular, the European Union objects to the level of suspension of concessions or other obligations contained in Indonesia's request, and claims that the principles and procedures set forth in Article 22.3 of the DSU have not been followed and that the proposal is not allowed under the covered agreements.

The European Union further notes that it has acted transparently with respect to its implementation of the recommendations or rulings of the Dispute Settlement Body in this dispute and that it has offered a so-called "sequencing agreement" to Indonesia which would remove any procedural uncertainty regarding Indonesia's rights pursuant to Article 22 of the DSU. The European Union therefore regrets Indonesia's recourse to Article 22.2 of the DSU in those circumstances.

The European Union requests the matter to be referred to arbitration pursuant to Article 22.6 of the DSU, and recalls that, according to Article 22.6 of the DSU, concessions or other obligations shall not be suspended during the course of arbitration.
