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**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC — ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES ON
CORRUGATED STEEL BARS**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PANEL

The following communication, dated 7 February 2023, was received from the Chairman of the Panel with the request that it be circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB).

Article 12.8 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU) provides that the period in which a panel shall conduct its examination, from the date that the composition and terms of reference of the panel have been agreed upon until the date the final report is issued to the parties to the dispute, shall, as a general rule, not exceed six months.

Article 12.9 of the DSU further stipulates that, when a panel considers that it cannot issue its report within six months, it shall inform the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) in writing accordingly and indicate the reasons, together with an estimate of the period within which it will issue its report.

The Panel in *Dominican Republic – Anti-dumping Measures on Corrugated Steel Bars* (DS605) was established by the DSB on 20 December 2021 and composed on 8 April 2022.

On 7 October 2022, the Panel communicated to the DSB that considering the complexity of the case, and the parties' requests for additional time to prepare submissions, the Panel did not expect to issue its final report to the parties before the first quarter of 2023.

The Panel now expects to issue its final report to the parties by the end of the second quarter of 2023.

I would be grateful if you would circulate this letter to the Members of the DSB.
