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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC – MEASURES AFFECTING THE IMPORTATION AND INTERNAL SALE OF CIGARETTES

Arbitration under Article 21.3(c) of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes

Note by the Secretariat

By joint letter dated 29 July 2005, the parties to the above-mentioned arbitration (Honduras and the Dominican Republic) requested that the arbitration proceedings be suspended so as to allow the parties to further explore the possibility of reaching an agreement on a reasonable period of time for implementation of the recommendations and rulings of the Dispute Settlement Body in regard of the original *Dominican Republic – Measures Affecting the Importation and Internal Sale of Cigarettes* proceedings. By letter dated 4 August 2005, the Arbitrator acknowledged receipt of the joint letter and agreed to treat the matter as suspended until further notice.