15. In exceptional cases, if the panel established pursuant to Article 19.11 (Establishment and Reconvening of a Panel) considers it cannot issue its interim report within the period of time referred to in paragraph 14, it shall notify the Parties to the dispute of the reasons for the delay together with an estimate of the period within which it will issue its interim report to the Parties to the dispute. Any delay shall not exceed a further period of 30 days.

16. A Party to the dispute may submit written comments to the panel on its interim report within 15 days of the date of the receipt of the interim report. After considering any written comments by the Parties to the dispute on the interim report, the panel may make any further examination it considers appropriate and modify its interim report.

17. The panel shall issue its final report to the Parties to the dispute within 30 days of the date of issuance of the interim report.

18. The interim and final reports of the panel shall be drafted without the presence of the Parties to the dispute.

19. The panel shall circulate its final report to the other Parties within seven days of the date of issuance of the final report to the Parties to the dispute, and at any time thereafter a Party to the dispute may make the final report publicly available subject to the protection of any confidential information contained in the final report.

Article 19.14: Suspension and Termination of Proceedings

1. The Parties to the dispute may agree at any time that the panel suspend its work for a period not exceeding 12 months from the date of such agreement. Within this period, the suspended panel proceedings shall resume on request of any Party to the dispute. In the event of such suspension, any relevant period of time for the panel proceedings shall be extended by the period of time that the work was suspended. If the work of the panel has been continuously suspended for more than 12 months, the authority for establishment of the panel shall lapse unless the Parties to the dispute agree otherwise.

2. The Parties to the dispute may agree to terminate the panel proceedings in the event that a mutually agreed solution has been found. In such event, the Parties to the dispute shall jointly notify the chair of the panel.

3. Before the panel issues its final report, it may at any stage of the proceedings propose to the Parties to the dispute that the dispute be settled amicably.

4. The Parties to the dispute shall jointly notify the other Parties that the panel proceedings have been suspended or terminated or the authority for the establishment of the panel has lapsed, pursuant to paragraph 1 or 2.

Article 19.15: Implementation of the Final Report

1. The findings and determinations of the panel shall be final and binding on the Parties to the dispute. The Responding Party shall:

   (a) if the panel makes a determination that the measure at issue is not in conformity with the obligations under this Agreement, bring the measure into conformity; or

   (b) if the panel makes a determination that the Responding Party has otherwise failed to carry out its obligations under this Agreement, carry out those obligations.

2. Within 30 days of the date of the issuance of the panel's final report to the Parties to the dispute pursuant to paragraph 17 of Article 19.13 (Panel Procedures), the Responding Party shall notify the Complaining Party of its intentions with respect to implementation and:

   (a) if the Responding Party considers it has complied with the obligation under paragraph 1, it shall notify the Complaining Party without delay. The Responding Party shall include in the notification a description of any measure it considers achieves compliance, the date the measure comes into effect, and the text of the measure, if any; or

   (b) if it is impracticable to comply immediately with the obligation under paragraph 1, the Responding Party shall notify the Complaining Party of the reasonable period of time the Responding Party considers it would need to comply with the obligation under paragraph 1 along with