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## COMMUNICATION FROM NORWAY

The following communication, dated 14 May 2010, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Norway.

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1. Parts of the Special and Differential Treatment Provisions in the Draft Consolidated Negotiating Text TN/TF/W/165.Rev 2 refer to exceptions from dispute settlement. The Delegation of Norway therefore believes it now timely to propose a separate article on Dispute Settlement. Such a draft article is proposed to be inserted under the Institutional Provisions of an Agreement on Trade Facilitation. In the Draft Consolidated Negotiating Text TN/TF/W/165.Rev 2 this would come at the end of the first section where cross-cutting issues have been placed.
  2. The exceptions or adaptations for dispute settlement purposes can be set out in the Article on Dispute Settlement itself, or in the substantive articles, such as for Special and Differential Treatment.

### DRAFT TEXT ON "DISPUTE SETTLEMENT"

The provisions of Articles XXII and XXIII of GATT 1994 as elaborated and applied by the Dispute Settlement Understanding shall apply to consultations and the settlement of disputes under this Agreement, except as otherwise specifically provided for in this Agreement.

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