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1 ARTICLE 2

1.1 Text of Article 2

Article 2

1. The Dispute Settlement Body is hereby established to administer these rules and procedures and, except as otherwise provided in a covered agreement, the consultation and dispute settlement provisions of the covered agreements. Accordingly, the DSB shall have the Where the DSB Agreement, only those Members that are parties decisions or actions taken by the DSB with respect t
2. The DSB shall inform the relevant WTO Council disputes related to provisions of the respective cover
3. The DSB shall meet as often as necessary to car provided in this Understanding.
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1.2.1 General

1. At its meeting of 10 February 1995, the D Agreement, adopted the Rules of Procedure conta

_____ with the exception of the rules concerning officers and the participation of international organisations as observers in the WTO which were at the time, open issues.¹ Once agreement was reached on those pending issues, the rules of procedure were circulated in document [WT/DSB/9](#). Further to [WT/DSB/9](#), the DSB follows the rules

¹ [WT/DSB/M/1](#), Section 1.

of procedure for meetings of the General Council ([WT/L/161](#)), except as otherwise provided in the DSU or in document [WT/DSB/9](#).

2. The Rules of Procedure for DSB meetings are reproduced below:

Rules of Procedure for Meetings of the Dispute Settlement Body

1. When the General Council convenes as the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), it shall follow the rules of procedure for meetings of the General Council, except as provided otherwise in the Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU) or below.

Chapter IV – Observers

2. Observership at meetings of the DSB shall be governed by paragraphs 9 to 11 of Annex 2 and paragraph 3, including footnote 5 of Annex 3 to these Rules.¹

(¹ [WT/L/161](#).)

Chapter V – Officers

3. The DSB shall elect its own Chairperson* from among the representatives of Members. The election shall take place at the first meeting of the year and shall take effect at the end

of the Secretariat that the date printed on the document is the date on which this document is effectively put in the pigeon holes of delegations in all three working languages. This practice will be used on a trial basis and be subject to revision when necessary."³

1.3.2 DSB decision concerning time-periods expiring on a weekend or holiday

5. At its meeting of 27 September 1995, the DSB agreed to the following practice concerning the expiration of time-periods:

"When, under the DSU (and its special or additional rules and procedures), a time-period within which a communication must be made or action taken by a Member to exercise or preserve its rights expires on a non-working day of the WTO Secretariat, any such communication or action will be deemed to have been made or taken on the WTO non-working day if lodged on the first working day of the WTO Secretariat following the day on which such time-period would normally expire."⁴

1.3.3 Computation of time-periods in appellate proceedings

6. See the document on Rule 17 of the Working Procedures for Appellate Review (Practice).

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³ [WT/DSB/6](#). See also [WT/DSB/M/2](#), Section 7.

⁴ [WT/DSB/6](#). See also [WT/DSB/M/7](#), Section 10.