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# Dispute Settlement and Enforcement

- 1. If any Member should consider that any other Member fails to carry out its obligations or specific commitments under this Agreement, it may with a view to reaching a mutually satisfactory resolution of the matter have recourse to the DSU.
- 2. If the DSB considers that the circumstances are serious enough to justify such action, it may authorize a Member or Members to suspend the application to any other Member or Members of obligations and specific commitments in accordance with Article 22 of the DSU.
- 3. If any Mem  $\,$  ber considers that any benefit it could reasonably have expected to accrue to 7 ()3 (SU)-6.3 [(to 7 ()3 (SU)d7is(( r)-u)-8 h( j)-35 )]TJ s-6.306 Tc 0-35

# WTO ANALYTICAL IN DEX GATS - Article XXIII (DS reports )

complaint (GATS Article XXIII:1), 'nullification or impairment' of treaty benefits has to be claimed by the complaining WTO M ember and examined by a Panel. Whereas Article XXIII:1 of the GATT specifically conditions access to WTO dispute settlement procedures on an allegation that a 'benefit' or the 'attainment of an objective' under that agreement are being 'nullified or impair ed', the corresponding provision in the GATS (Article XXIII:1) permits access to dispute settlement procedures if a Member 'fails to carry out its obligations or specific commitments ' under the GATS. In this respect, we note that the Appellate Body in EC – Bananas III stated that the panel in that case ' erred in extending the scope of the presumption in Article 3.8 of the D (t)-2023 (e)2 (G)7.7 (A)1R11xe<sup>2</sup>