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Procedures for Multiple Complainants

1. Where more than one Member requests the establishment of a panel related to the same matter, a single panel may be established to examine these complaints taking into account the rights of all Members concerned. A single panel should be established to examine such complaints whenever feasible.
2. The single panel shall organize its examination and present its findings to the DSB in such a manner that the rights which the parties to the dispute would have enjoyed had separate panels examined the complaints are in no way impaired. If one of the parties to the dispute so requests, the panel shall submit separate reports on the dispute concerned. The written submissions by each of the complainants shall be made available to the other complainants, and each complainant shall have the right to be present when any one of the other complainants presents its views to the panel.
3. If more than one panel is established to examine the complaints related to the same matter, to the greatest extent possible the same persons shall serve as panelists on each of the separate panels and the timetable for the panel process in such disputes shall be harmonized.

1.2 Table of disputes under Articles 9.1 and 9.3 of the DSU

1. See the chapter of the Analytical Index on "[DS information tables](#)" for information on disputes in which a single panel was established for complaints related to the same matter pursuant to Article 9.1 of the DSU, or where which the same persons were appointed as panelists in separate panels established to examine complaints related to the same matter pursuant to Article 9.3 of the DSU.