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Summary

As usual, **the EU criteria on endocrine disruptors** was the main topic of the agenda. On this occasion, a total of 26 Members took the floor against the EU. The main critics used very detailed and well-constructed argumentaires.

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Detail

Specific Trade Concerns (STCs)

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EU defensive issues: The downward trend in the number of concerns raised against the EU continued with only two concerns this time. The main concern was again **Endocrine Disruptors** (raised by the US and

Argentina, supported by other 24 Members). In addition to the criticisms on substance, there were also complaints on procedures (split of the draft proposal into criteria and the derogation without re-notification).

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