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WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

This module presents an overview of the dispute settlement system of the Southern Common Market (Mercado Común del Sur) – MERCOSUR. The system is concerned with disputes between Member States and those between Member States and private parties.

The history and structure of MERCOSUR are reviewed in Sections I and II. Section III examines the dispute settlement system and section IV describes cases so far adjudicated in arbitration proceedings under the system.

OBJECTIVES

After studying this module, the reader should be able to:

- Identify the main rules and principles governing the formation of MERCOSUR;
- Discuss the normative framework of MERCOSUR dispute settlement; and
- Identify the different ways of submitting a dispute to the dispute settlement mechanism.

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