Resume

This thesis aims to evaluate the WTO dispute settlement system that deals with disputes arising between WTO members. It focuses on the final stage of this process, i.e., the compliance process and the judgement enforcement process. The main objective is to answer the question whether the methods of judgement enforcement are effective and successful and assess any shortcomings and offer possible solutions to overcome these shortcomings.

The thesis is divided into seven chapters. In the opening passage the role of World Trade Organization is introduced as well as the need for a dispute resolution system and the main principles governing the system. Various WTO bodies involved in the decision-making process are also described in detail. The following three chapters deal with the dispute resolution process and procedure rules provided under the Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU). The thesis explores all of the procedural stages of the dispute settlement and also all relevant procedural steps undertaken by the participants. These are not limited to the complainant and to the respondent but also encompass third parties and WTO bodies. The fourth and the fifth chapter of this thesis are dedicated to the compliance process and the judgement enforcement process either by means of compensation or suspension of concessions.

The crucial part of the thesis is contained within the sixth chapter, which analyzes individual pitfalls of the final stage of the proceedings encountered by the member states while attempting to enforce compliance. The following seventh chapter is equally important as it discusses the possible solutions to the problems outlined in the previous chapter.

Within the conclusion, all of the major deficiencies of the compliance process and of the judgement enforcement process are summarized. The evaluations of the effectiveness of various proposals to amend the DSU procedure rules are also included.