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UNITED STATES – ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES ON CORROSION-RESISTANT CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS FROM KOREA

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Japan

The following communication, dated 10 February 2011, from the delegation of Japan to the delegation of the United States, the delegation of Korea and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

With reference to the consultations requested by the Government of the Republic of Korea ("Korea") in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 3 February 2011 in document WT/DS420/1, G/L/951, G/ADP/D86/1 titled "United State - Anti-Dumping Measures on Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products from Korea", my authorities instruct me to notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of the desire of Japan to be joined in these consultations, pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes.

Japan has a substantial trade interest in these consultations. The products subject to the measure at issue are "corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products" which Japan also exports to the United States. These consultations further concern the "zeroing" methodology by the United States in its antidumping proceedings which Japan has challenged in the dispute "United States - Measures Relating to Zeroing and Sunset Reviews" (DS322).