

**UNITED STATES – ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES ON CERTAIN SHRIMP
FROM VIET NAM**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Japan

The following communication, dated 12 February 2010, from the delegation of Japan to the delegation of the United States, the delegation of Viet Nam 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 Viet Nam in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 4 February 2010 in document WT/DS404/1, G/L/915, G/ADP/D81/1 titled "*United States – Anti-Dumping Measures on Certain Shrimp from Viet Nam*", 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, as they 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).
