

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

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from the European Union

The following communication, dated 12 February 2010, from the delegation of the European Union 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.

Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU), the European Union hereby notifies the Government of Vietnam, the Government of the United States and the Dispute Settlement Body that, in the light of the substantial trade interest of the European Union, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by Vietnam in a communication circulated on 4 February 2010 (WT/DS404/1, G/L/915, G/ADP/D81/1) to the WTO members entitled *United States - Anti-Dumping Measures on Certain Shrimp from Vietnam*.

The European Union is a major exporter to the United States and its exports are subject to a substantial number of anti-dumping measures. The European Union has a substantial trade interest in the correct application by the United States of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994, and notably, on the methodology to determine the dumping margin as shown by its own recourse to the WTO dispute settlement procedure on this issue (*DS 294-United States- Laws, Regulations and Methodology for Calculating Dumping Margins ("Zeroing")*; *DS350 United States – Continued Existence and Application of Zeroing methodology*). The European Union also has an interest in the issue of individual treatment of exporters, which has been raised in this consultation request.

The European Union therefore has a substantial trade interest in the present dispute.

The European Union looks forward to being informed of the date and venue of the consultations.
