

**UNITED STATES – CONTINUED EXISTENCE AND APPLICATION
OF ZEROING METHODOLOGY**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Japan

The following communication, dated 10 October 2006, from the delegation of Japan to the delegation of the United States, the delegation of the European Communities and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the Government of Japan hereby notifies the Government of the United States that it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by the European Communities in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 3 October 2006 (WT/DS350/1, G/L/786, G/ADP/D70/1), titled "*United States – Continued Existence and Application of Zeroing Methodology*". Japan has a substantial trade interest, *inter alia*, in the issue of the WTO-consistency of the Zeroing Methodology as such, as shown by its own recourse to the WTO dispute settlement procedure on this issue (DS322: "*United States – Measures Relating to Zeroing and Sunset Reviews*").
