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**IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION TO THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS
OF THE RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 12.3**

JOINT COMMUNICATION OF VIET NAM AND THE PHILIPPINES

Cement

The following communication, dated 26 November 2019, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Viet Nam and the Philippines.

Pursuant to Article 12.5 of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards (Safeguards Agreement), Viet Nam and the Philippines are notifying the results of the consultations conducted under Article 12.3 of the Safeguards Agreement. Documents G/SG/N/6/PHL/11 (dated 24 September 2018), G/SG/N/7/PHL/9 - G/SG/N/8/PHL/10 - G/SG/N/11/PHL/11 (dated 30 January 2019), G/SG/N/8/PHL/11/Suppl.1 - G/SG/N/10/PHL/9 - G/SG/N/11/PHL/11/Suppl.1 (dated 12 September 2019) contain notifications from the Philippines concerning measures taken under the Safeguards Agreement concerning cement.

On 21 November 2019, Viet Nam and the Philippines conducted consultations with a view to discuss the information provided in the above-mentioned documents related to the safeguard measure on cement, exchange views on the safeguard measure, and reach an understanding on ways to achieve the objective set out in paragraph 1 of Article 8 of the Safeguards Agreement. Viet Nam and the Philippines discussed the relevant information and exchanged views on the measure. They have agreed to continue these discussions and that their reciprocal rights and obligations under the Safeguards Agreement and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 will be maintained. For this purpose, they have further agreed to extend the 90-day period set forth in Article 8.2 of the Safeguards Agreement and Article XIX:3(a) of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 for as long as the Philippines' measure on cement remains in force.
