

BRAZIL - CERTAIN AUTOMOTIVE INVESTMENT MEASURES

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from the United States

The following communication, dated 8 August 1996, from the Permanent Mission of the United States to the Permanent Missions of Japan and Brazil and to 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, the United States Government hereby notifies the Government of Brazil that, in light of the substantial trade interest of the United States, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by Japan in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 6 August 1996 (WT/DS51/1) entitled "Brazil - Certain Automotive Investment Measures".

As a significant exporter of both motor vehicles and auto parts to Brazil, the United States has a substantial trade interest in the matter that is the subject of the Japanese request. In 1995, the United States exported approximately \$850 million worth of motor vehicles and parts to Brazil.