

**EUROPEAN UNION AND CERTAIN MEMBER STATES – CERTAIN MEASURES  
AFFECTING THE RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION SECTOR**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Japan*

The following communication, dated 16 November 2012, from the delegation of Japan to the delegation of the European Union, the delegation of China and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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I wish to refer to the consultations requested by the People's Republic of China pursuant to Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariff and Trade 1994 in the communication circulated to WTO Members on 7 November 2012 (WT/DS452/1, G/L1008, G/SCM/D95/1, G/TRIMS/D/34) titled "*European Union and Certain member States – Certain Measures Affecting the Renewable Energy Generation Sector*". My authorities have instructed me to notify the consulting Member 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<sup>1</sup> in these consultations as a major supplier of renewable energy generation equipments to the world. These consultations further appear to concern domestic content requirements in a feed-in tariff program. Japan has challenged a measure of similar kind of Canada in the dispute "*Canada – Certain Measures Affecting the Renewable Energy Generation Sector (DS412)*".

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<sup>1</sup> For example, Japanese merchandise export of photosensitive semiconductor devices, including photovoltaic cells, to the European Union amounts to 1.48 billion US dollars in 2011.