

**ARGENTINA – MEASURES RELATING TO TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from the United States*

The following communication, dated 28 December 2012, from the delegation of the United States to the delegation of Argentina, the delegation of Panama and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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This concerns the request for consultations by Panama on *Argentina – Measures Relating to Trade in Goods and Services*, circulated to Members on 19 December 2012 (WT/DS453/1). The United States hereby notifies the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of the desire of the United States to be joined in these consultations pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*.

The United States has a substantial trade interest in these consultations. The consultations concern certain measures related to the trade in a range of goods and services, including certain insurance services. US suppliers engage in substantial trade in these insurance services with consumers in Argentina.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> In 2011, US suppliers received over \$200 million in premiums from Argentine consumers in connection with these insurance services.