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**UNITED STATES – SAFEGUARD MEASURE ON IMPORTS OF
CRYSTALLINE SILICON PHOTOVOLTAIC PRODUCTS**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE UNITED STATES

The following communication, dated 22 October 2018, from the delegation of the United States to the delegation of the European Union, is circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) at the request of the United States.

The United States has received your letter of 24 August 2018, requesting to join in the consultations requested by China as circulated in document WT/DS562/1.

Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* ("DSU") provides that a Member that considers it has a substantial trade interest in the consultations shall be joined in the consultations "provided that the Member to which the request for consultations was addressed agrees that the claim of substantial interest is well-founded." The European Union ("EU") refers to the value of its crystalline silicon photovoltaic products imports into the United States as approximately \$220 million a year based on the average of import amounts from 2014-2016. Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the DSU, the United States is accepting your request to join these consultations, without prejudice to the question of whether the EU has demonstrated a substantial trade interest in these consultations.
