

**CHINA – GRANTS, LOANS AND OTHER INCENTIVES**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Ecuador*

The following communication, dated 2 February 2009, from the delegation of Ecuador to the delegation of China, the delegation of Guatemala and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU), Ecuador hereby notifies the Government of the People's Republic of China, the Government of Guatemala and the Dispute Settlement Body that, in the light of the substantial trade interest of Ecuador, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by Guatemala concerning *China – Grants, Loans and Other Incentives* (WT/DS390/1, circulated on 22 January 2009).

Ecuador has a substantial trade interest in the matters under consultation. Ecuador's industries are directly affected by the measures challenged by the United States in its request for consultations. Ecuador also has an interest in the correct application of the WTO agreements relating to subsidies.

Ecuador would appreciate being informed of the date and venue of the consultations.

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