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**AUSTRALIA – CERTAIN MEASURES CONCERNING TRADEMARKS,  
GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS AND OTHER PLAIN PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS  
APPLICABLE TO TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND PACKAGING**

**REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS**

*Communication from Norway*

The following communication, dated 13 May 2013, from the delegation of Norway to the delegation of Australia, the delegation of Cuba and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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My authorities have instructed me to request, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the WTO Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, that Norway be joined in the consultations requested by Cuba on 3 May 2013 in a communication circulated to Members on 7 May 2013 entitled *Australia – Certain Measures concerning Trademarks, Geographical Indications and other Plain Packaging Requirements Applicable to Tobacco Products and Packaging* (WT/DS458/1).

Norway is currently in the process of implementing revisions to its own tobacco policy, and has already introduced a number of measures in order to reduce smoking. Norway thus has a substantial trade interest in this dispute.

Norway looks forward to receiving Australia's reply to this request.

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