

**CHINA – MEASURES RELATING TO THE PRODUCTION AND  
EXPORTATION OF APPAREL AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Peru*

The following communication, dated 29 October 2012, from the delegation of Peru to the delegation of China, the delegation of Mexico and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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In accordance with Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the Government of Peru hereby notifies its wish to be joined in the consultations with the Government of the People's Republic of China ("China") regarding China's measures relating to the production and exportation of apparel and textile products, requested by the Government of Mexico in document WT/DS451/1, which was circulated to WTO Members on 18 October 2012 under the title "China - Measures Relating to the Production and Exportation of Apparel and Textile Products".

It should be noted that the production and exportation of apparel and textile products are of considerable importance to the Peruvian economy. For example, Peruvian textile product exports amounted to US\$1,190,000,000 in 2011, almost 20 per cent of its non-traditional exports for that year. Moreover, for Peru these activities are an important source of value-added employment generation. Peru is concerned about the potential impact of the Chinese measures identified by Mexico in its request for consultations on its production and exportation of apparel and textile products. In that respect, Peru clearly has a substantial trade interest in the consultations requested by the Government of Mexico.

The Government of Peru thanks you for your attention to this matter and looks forward to a prompt reply from the Government of China.

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