

**CHINA – MEASURES AFFECTING THE PROTECTION AND ENFORCEMENT
OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

Communication from China

The following communication, dated 15 April 2009, from the delegation of China to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated at the request of China.

At its meeting on 20 March 2009, the Dispute Settlement Body ("DSB") adopted recommendations and rulings in the dispute *China – Measures Affecting the Protection and Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights* (DS362). My authorities have instructed me to advise the DSB of the intentions of China with respect to implementation of the recommendations and rulings of the DSB, as is our responsibility under Article 21.3 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* ("DSU"). The United States has agreed that China would inform the DSB of its intentions by letter rather than at a special meeting of the DSB.

It is the intention of China to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB in this dispute in a manner that respects its WTO obligations, and we have begun to evaluate options for doing so. China will need a reasonable period of time in which to do this. My delegation stands ready to discuss this matter with the United States, in accordance with Article 21.3(b) of the DSU.
