

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

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from the United States

The following communication, dated 29 October 2012, from the delegation of the United States 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.

This concerns the request for consultations by the Government of Mexico on *China - Measures Relating to the Production and Exportation of Apparel and Textile Products*, circulated on 18 October 2012 (WT/DS451/1). My authorities have instructed me to notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of the desire of the United States to be joined in these consultations, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*. The United States has a substantial trade interest in these consultations. Mexico asserts serious prejudice or the threat of serious prejudice to the interests of Mexico in the US textiles and apparel market for the period from 2001 to 2011, through displacement and impedance of Mexican exports of apparel and textile products to the United States and through significant price undercutting, price suppression, price depression, and lost sales in the United States.
