

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - SAFEGUARD MEASURES ON IMPORTS OF
POLYPROPYLENE BAGS AND TUBULAR FABRIC**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Panama

The following communication, dated 22 October 2010, from the delegation of Panama to the delegation of the Dominican Republic, the delegation of Costa Rica and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

I have been instructed by my authorities to inform you that the Government of the Republic of Panama, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), wishes to be joined in the consultations with the Dominican Republic requested by Costa Rica in a communication of 15 October 2010, circulated to Members of the World Trade Organization on 21 October 2010 (WT/DS415/1, G/L930, G/SG/D37/1), and entitled *Dominican Republic - Safeguard Measures on Imports of Polypropylene Bags and Tubular Fabric*.

We make this request in the light of Panama's substantial trade interest in this dispute. The products concerned by this dispute are of importance to Panamanian exporters. Although Panama is excluded from the application of the measures in question, this is due to circumstances that can change at any time.
