

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

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Nicaragua

The following communication, dated 12 April 2012, from the delegation of Nicaragua to the delegation of Australia, the delegation of Honduras and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Dispute, the Government of Nicaragua notifies the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of its desire to be joined in the consultations requested by the Government of Honduras, in Australia - Certain Measures Concerning Trademarks and Other Plain Packaging Requirements Applicable to Tobacco Products and Packaging. This request for consultations was circulated to WTO Members on 10 April 2012 (WT/DS435/1).

Our country has a substantial trade interest in these consultations as manufacturer of cigars; this product represents one of the most important exports to Nicaragua and the Australian measures will undermine the competitive opportunities having also a negative impact in the production and employment in this sector. Nicaragua respectfully request that these substantial trade interest in these consultations be recognized.
