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Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Colombia

The following communication, dated 15 March 2012, from the delegation of Colombia to the delegation of India, the delegation of the United States and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), my authorities have instructed me to notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of the desire of Colombia to be joined in the consultations requested by the United States on *India – Measures Concerning the Importation of Certain Agricultural Products*, circulated the 8th of March of 2012 (WT/DS430/1).

Colombia has a substantial trade interest in these consultations. They concern certain sanitary and phytosanitary measures taken by the government of India to address the health risk posed by the importations of various agricultural products from the United States, due to the possible presence of pathogenic entities. Colombia has enacted measures that have the same policy objective pursued by the government of India.