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## **UNITED STATES – CERTAIN MEASURES ON STEEL AND ALUMINIUM PRODUCTS**

### **REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS**

#### *Communication from the European Union*

The following communication, dated 19 April 2018, from the delegation of the European Union to the delegation of the United States, the delegation of China and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the European Union (the EU) hereby notifies the Government of the United States, the Government of China, and the Dispute Settlement Body that, in the light of its substantial trade interest, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by China in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 9 April 2018 (WT/DS544/1; G/L/1222), entitled "United States – Certain measures on steel and aluminium products".

The EU notes that the request for consultations relates to measures applied by the United States since 23 March 2018 on certain imports of steel and aluminium products from all countries of the world, except a number of WTO Members. The EU is presently among those WTO Members excluded, but that exclusion is temporary only. In 2017, the EU has been exporting to the United States steel products of the types covered by the measures of a total value of EUR 5.30 billion or USD 5.99 billion, and aluminium products of the types covered by the measures of a total value of EUR 1.11 billion or USD 1.25 billion, making the EU the first and fifth exporter to the United States of steel and aluminium, respectively. Should the exclusion not continue to be in place, then the EU's exports would be impaired significantly by the United States measures. Therefore, the United States' measures have a substantial impact on the sale and exportation of EU steel and aluminium products covered by the United States' measures, giving the EU a substantial trade interest in these consultations.

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