

INDONESIA - CERTAIN MEASURES AFFECTING
THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Japan

The following communication, dated 17 October 1996, from the Permanent Mission of Japan to the Permanent Mission of Indonesia, the Permanent Mission of the United States and to 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, the Government of Japan hereby notifies the Government of Indonesia that, in light of the substantial trade interest of Japan, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by the United States in a communication circulated to WTO Members as document WT/DS59/1 concerning certain measures affecting the automobile industry.

As a significant exporter of both motor vehicles and auto parts to Indonesia, Japan has a substantial trade interest in the matter that is the subject of the request by the United States. In 1995, Japan exported approximately \$2,320 million-worth of motor vehicles and parts to Indonesia.