

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

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from the Philippines

The following communication, dated 20 April 2012, from the delegation of the Philippines 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 Disputes (DSU)*, the Philippines hereby notifies the Governments of Australia and Honduras of its request to be joined in the consultations requested by Honduras in the document circulated to WTO Members on 10 April 2012 entitled *Australia – Certain Measures Concerning Trademarks and Other Plain Packaging Requirements Applicable to Tobacco Products and Packaging* (WT/DS435/1).

The Philippines has a substantial trade interest in the subject of the consultations and a systemic interest in the application and interpretation of the provisions of the relevant WTO Agreements.

We look forward to acceptance of this request. We would also be grateful of being informed of the date and venue for the consultations. I have further requested that this communication be circulated to the Members of the DSB.
