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UNITED STATES – TARIFF MEASURES ON CERTAIN GOODS FROM CHINA

COMMUNICATION FROM THE UNITED STATES

The following communication, dated 28 September 2018, was received from the delegation of the United States with the request that it be circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB).

On 18 September 2018, the United States received China's letter of the same date requesting consultations pursuant to Article 4 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* and Article XXIII of the *General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994*. This letter has been circulated as WT/DS543/1/Add.3.

The United States takes note of Public Notice No. 8 of the State Council Tariff Commission, entitled *Additionally Imposing Tariffs on Approximately \$60 Billion of Products Originating from the United States*. The State Council issued this public notice on 18 September 2018, the same date as China's letter requesting consultations. According to this public notice, China will impose additional tariffs of between 5 - 10% on over 5,000 products originating from the United States on 24 September 2018. An accompanying announcement from the Ministry of Commerce entitled *Public Notice on Additionally Imposing Tariffs on Certain Products Originating in the United States Products*, issued 18 September 2018, indicates that China imposed these additional tariffs in response to the United States' measures identified in China's letter requesting consultations. At the consultations, the United States looks forward to hearing China's basis for imposing these additional tariffs.

The United States accepts the request of China to enter into consultations. We stand ready to confer with officials from your mission on a mutually convenient date for these consultations.
