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## CHINA – SUBSIDIES TO PRODUCERS OF PRIMARY ALUMINIUM

### REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

#### *Communication from Japan*

The following communication, dated 23 January 2017, from the delegation of Japan to the delegation of China, 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.

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I wish to refer to the consultations requested by the United States pursuant to Articles 1 and 4 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* ("DSU"), Article XXII:1 of the *General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994* ("GATT 1994") and Articles 7 and 30 of the *Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures* ("SCM Agreement") in the communication circulated to WTO Members on 17 January 2017 titled "*China – Subsidies to Producers of Primary Aluminium*" (WT/DS519/1, G/SCM/D113/1, G/L/1173). My authorities have instructed me to notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of the desire of Japan to be joined in these consultations, pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the DSU.

According to the request for consultations by the United States, the matter subject to these consultations concerns "subsidies benefitting Chinese producers of primary aluminum" and their "adverse effects" in "the world market", "the Chinese market" and/or "all third country markets". Japan is one of the suppliers of primary aluminum to the world<sup>1</sup>, including to China<sup>2</sup>. As such, Japan has a substantial trade interest in the subject matter of these consultations.

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<sup>1</sup> In 2015, the total value of exports of unwrought aluminum (HS Code 76.01) from Japan to the world was 55.89 million US dollars (calculated at the exchange rate of 1 USD = 116.74 JPY as of 16 January 2017. Source: Statistics of the Ministry of Finance of Japan. The original currency of the statistics is Japanese Yen.).

<sup>2</sup> In 2015, the total value of exports of unwrought aluminum (HS Code 76.01) from Japan to China was 13.65 million US dollars (calculated at the exchange rate of 1 USD = 116.74 JPY as of 16 January 2017. Source: Statistics of the Ministry of Finance of Japan. The original currency of the statistics is Japanese Yen.).