

**CHINA - MEASURES RELATED TO THE EXPORTATION OF
RARE EARTHS, TUNGSTEN AND MOLYBDENUM**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Canada

The following communication, dated 26 March 2012, from the delegation of Canada to the delegations of China, the United States, the European Union and Japan 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 Government of Canada hereby notifies its desire to join in the consultations requested by the United States, the European Union, and Japan pursuant to Articles 1 and 4 of the DSU and Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 with respect to China's measures related to the exportation of rare earths, tungsten and molybdenum.

The relevant communications to the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China from the Permanent Missions of the United States, the European Union and Japan dated 13 March 2012, were circulated to WTO Members on 15 March 2012 as *China - Measures Related to the Exportation of Rare Earths, Tungsten and Molybdenum* (WT/DS431/1, G/L/982; WT/DS432/1, G/L/983; WT/DS433/1, G/L/984).

Canada has a substantial trade interest in these proceedings, as a major exporter and importer of raw materials, including materials that are subject to these consultations. The measures at issue raise concerns regarding possible market distortions and uncertainty, which could have an adverse impact on international trade. Accordingly, Canada requests to join in these consultations.
