

**CHINA – CERTAIN MEASURES AFFECTING THE AUTOMOBILE  
AND AUTOMOBILE-PARTS INDUSTRIES**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from the European Union*

The following communication, dated 28 September 2012, from the delegation of the European Union 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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Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the European Union hereby notifies the Government of the People's Republic of China, the United States and the Dispute Settlement Body that, in the light of the substantial trade interest of the European Union, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by the United States in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 20 September 2012, entitled *China – Certain Measures Affecting the Automobile and Automobile-Parts Industries* (WT/DS450/1; G/L/1002; G/SCM/D93/1).

The European Union is the world's largest producer of automobile and automobile parts, and also a major exporter worldwide, with more than 90 billion Euros worth of exports in 2011. It has therefore a substantial trade interest in this dispute.

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