

**EUROPEAN UNION AND CERTAIN MEMBER STATES – CERTAIN MEASURES  
AFFECTING THE RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION SECTOR**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Australia*

The following communication, dated 16 November 2012, from the delegation of Australia to the delegation of the European Union, the delegation of China 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 paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU), Australia notifies the Government of the European Union that, in light of the substantial trade interest of Australia, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by China in the communication entitled *European Union and certain member States - Certain Measures Affecting the Renewable Energy Generation Sector* and circulated to WTO Members on 7 November 2012 (WT/DS452/1).

Australia has substantive trade and commercial interest in this dispute as a potential entrant in the export market for renewable energy products. Australia also has a strong systemic interest in the proper interpretation of relevant provisions as they relate to environmental measures.

Australia looks forward to receiving your reply.

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