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AUSTRALIA – CERTAIN MEASURES CONCERNING TRADEMARKS, GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS AND OTHER PLAIN PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND PACKAGING

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Norway

The following communication, dated 4 October 2013, from the delegation of Norway to the delegation of Australia, the delegation of Indonesia and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

My authorities have instructed me to request, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the WTO Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, that Norway be joined in the consultations requested by Indonesia on 20 September 2013 in a communication circulated to Members on 25 September 2013 entitled *Australia – Certain Measures concerning Trademarks, Geographical Indications and Other Plain Packaging Requirements Applicable to Tobacco Products and Packaging* (WT/DS467/1).

Norway is currently in the process of implementing revisions to its own tobacco policy, and has already introduced a number of measures in order to reduce smoking. Norway thus has a substantial trade interest in this dispute.

Norway looks forward to receiving Australia's reply to this request.