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## UKRAINE – DEFINITIVE SAFEGUARD MEASURES ON CERTAIN PASSENGER CARS

### REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

#### *Communication from the European Union*

The following communication, dated 13 November 2013, from the delegation of the European Union to the delegation of Ukraine, the delegation of Japan 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 Ukraine, Japan 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 Japan in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 30 October 2013, entitled *Ukraine – Definitive Safeguard Measures on Certain Passenger Cars* (WT/DS468/1).

The European Union is the world's largest producer of automobile and automobile parts, and also a major exporter worldwide, with more than 100 billion Euros worth of exports of passenger cars in 2012. Out of that, the European Union has exported in 2012 more than 1 billion Euros worth of passenger cars to Ukraine. It has therefore a substantial trade interest in this dispute.

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