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## COLOMBIA – MEASURES CONCERNING IMPORTED SPIRITS

### REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

#### *Communication from Canada*

The following communication, dated 27 January 2016, from the delegation of Canada to the delegation of Colombia, the delegation of the European Union and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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My authorities have instructed me to notify, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*, the desire of Canada to be joined in the consultations requested by the European Union in *Colombia — Measures Concerning Imported Spirits* (WT/DS502/1).

Canada has a substantial trade interest in these consultations. Canada is a major exporter of spirits and is affected by Colombia's measures. Canadian exporters consider that the Colombian market has significant growth potential. Accordingly, they have made considerable investments to realize this potential, including the introduction of new brands into the Colombian market. The measures at issue in these consultations jeopardize these investments and the expansion of Canadian exports of spirits. More generally, these measures appear to have important consequences for international trade in spirits.

As a result of its substantial trade interest, Canada respectfully requests that it be joined in these consultations.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, with a request that it be circulated to Members.

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