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**UNITED STATES – SAFEGUARD MEASURE ON IMPORTS OF CRYSTALLINE
SILICON PHOTOVOLTAIC PRODUCTS**

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from China

The following communication, dated 24 May 2018, from the delegation of China to the delegation of the United States, the delegation of Republic of Korea and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

This concerns the request for consultations by the Republic of Korea on *United States – Safeguard Measure on Imports of Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Products* (WT/DS545/1), circulated on 16 May, 2018. My authorities have instructed me to notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of the desire of China to be joined in these consultations, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*.

A substantial portion of China's crystalline silicon photovoltaic products is exported to the United States' market. China has a substantial trade interest in these consultations. They concern the safeguard measures imposed by the United States related to the importation of certain crystalline silicon photovoltaic products. These measures restrain China's exports of the named crystalline silicon photovoltaic products, and they affect the conditions of competition for the China-produced products sold in the United States' market.

China looks forward to receiving your reply and advice of the date and venue of the consultations.
