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**INDIA – TARIFF TREATMENT ON CERTAIN GOODS IN THE INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY SECTOR**

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from China

The following communication, dated 19 April 2019, from the delegation of China to the delegation of India, and the delegation of the European Union, is circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU), China hereby notifies the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body that, in light of its substantial trade interest, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by the European Union in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 9 April 2019, entitled *India – Tariff Treatment on Certain Goods in the Information and Communications Technology Sector* (WT/DS582/1).

China notes that the request for consultations relates to duties applied by India on imports of certain goods in the information and technology sector. China has a substantial trade interest in the consultations as China is India's largest source of import, in particular import of mechanical and electrical products classified in HS Chapters 84 and 85, and one of the main exporters of information technology products in the world. For example, the statistics show that in 2018, China's export of the products classified in HS Chapter 85 to India amounted to US\$ 23,357 million, the products classified in HS Chapter 84 amounted to US\$ 13,655 million, and the products classified in HS Chapter 90 amounted to US\$1,611 million.

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