

**UNITED STATES - MEASURES CONCERNING THE IMPORTATION,
MARKETING AND SALE OF TUNA AND TUNA PRODUCTS**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from the European Communities

The following communication, dated 6 November 2008, from the delegation of the European Communities to the delegation of the United States, the delegation of Mexico and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated 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*, the European Communities hereby notifies the Governments of the United States of America, of Mexico as well as the Dispute Settlement Body that it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by Mexico in the document circulated to WTO Members on 28 October 2008 (WT/DS381, G/L/858, G/TBT/D/32), entitled "*United States – Measures Affecting the Importation, Marketing and Sale of Tuna and Tuna Products*". The European Communities' request is premised on its substantial trade interest as an exporter of tuna to the United States as well as its systemic interest in the correct application of the GATT 1994 and the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade.
