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**AUSTRALIA – CERTAIN MEASURES CONCERNING TRADEMARKS,
GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS AND OTHER PLAIN PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS
APPLICABLE TO TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND PACKAGING**

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Canada

The following communication, dated 4 October 2013, from the delegation of Canada to the delegation of Australia, the delegation of Indonesia and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

In accordance with Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU), the Government of Canada hereby notifies its desire to join in the consultations requested by Indonesia under Article 4 of the DSU, Article 14.1 of the *Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade*, Article 64.1 of the *Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights* and Article XXII of the *General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994* with respect to certain Australian measures relating to trademarks, geographical indications and other plain packaging requirements on tobacco products and packaging.

The relevant communication from the Permanent Mission of Indonesia, dated 20 September 2013, was circulated to WTO Members on 25 September 2013, as *Australia – Certain Measures Concerning Trademarks, Geographical Indications and Other Plain Packaging Requirements Applicable to Tobacco Products and Packaging* (WT/DS467/1, G/TBT/D/46, IP/D/34, G/L/1041).

Canada has a substantial trade interest in these proceedings as an importer of tobacco products and the interpretation of WTO obligations in this dispute could materially affect Canadian domestic measures. Accordingly, Canada requests to join 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.
