

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

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Ukraine

The following communication, dated 27 July 2012, from the delegation of Ukraine to the delegation of Australia, the delegation of Dominican Republic and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

I have the honour to refer to a communication circulated to WTO Members on 23 July 2012 (WT/DS441/1; G/L/992; IP/D/32; G/TBT/D/41) entitled *Australia - Certain Measures Concerning Trademarks, Geographical Indications and Other Plain Packaging Requirements Applicable to Tobacco Products and Packaging* by which the Dominican Republic requests to hold consultations with Australia.

Ukraine has a substantial trade interest in the present dispute because it is a significant producer and exporter of tobacco products. Therefore, Ukraine has a systemic interest in the application and interpretation of the provisions of the relevant WTO Agreements.

In view of the above, and pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*, my authorities have instructed me to notify hereby the Governments of Australia, of the Dominican Republic and the Dispute Settlement Body of the desire of Ukraine to be joined in the consultations requested by the Dominican Republic.
