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**INDIA – CERTAIN MEASURES RELATING TO SOLAR CELLS  
AND SOLAR MODULES**

**REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS**

*Communication from Japan*

The following communication, dated 13 February 2013, from the delegation of Japan to the delegation of India, the delegation of the United States and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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I wish to refer to the consultations requested by the United States pursuant to Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariff and Trade 1994 in the communication circulated to WTO Members on 11 February 2013 (WT/DS456/1, G/L/1023, G/TRIMS/D/35, G/SCM/D96/1) titled "*India – Certain Measures Relating to Solar Cells and Solar Modules*". My authorities have instructed me to notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of the desire of Japan to be joined in these consultations, pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*.

Japan has a substantial trade interest<sup>1</sup> in these consultations as a major supplier of renewable energy generation equipments to the world. These consultations further appear to concern certain measures relating to domestic content requirements for these products. Japan has challenged a measure of similar kind in the dispute "*Canada – Certain Measures Affecting the Renewable Energy Generation Sector (DS412)*".

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<sup>1</sup> For example, Japanese merchandise export of photosensitive semiconductor devices, including photovoltaic cells, to India amounts to 106.8 million US dollars in 2011.