

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - SAFEGUARD MEASURES ON IMPORTS OF  
POLYPROPYLENE BAGS AND TUBULAR FABRIC**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Guatemala*

The following communication, dated 25 October 2010, from the delegation of Guatemala to the delegation of the Dominican Republic, the delegations of Costa Rica, Honduras and El Salvador and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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Pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes ("DSU"), Guatemala hereby notifies its desire to be joined in the consultations requested by the governments of Costa Rica (DS415)<sup>1</sup>, Honduras (DS417)<sup>2</sup> and El Salvador (DS418)<sup>3</sup> pursuant to Article 4 of the DSU, Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 and Article 14 of the Agreement on Safeguards. These consultations were requested in the respective communications circulated to WTO Members on 21 October 2010 and entitled *Dominican Republic - Safeguard Measures on Imports of Polypropylene Bags and Tubular Fabric*.

As you are aware, Guatemala has filed a request for consultations parallel to those submitted by Costa Rica, Honduras and El Salvador, given that its exports of polypropylene bags and tubular fabric to the Dominican Republic are subject to the safeguard measure at issue. Guatemala therefore considers that it has a duly founded substantial trade interest which justifies its being joined in these consultations.

In this regard, Guatemala requests that the Dominican Republic accept its claim of substantial trade interest and its request to be joined in these consultations.

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<sup>1</sup> Document WT/DS415/1, G/L/930, G/SG/S37/1.

<sup>2</sup> Document WT/DS417/1, G/L/932, G/SG/D39/1.

<sup>3</sup> Document WT/DS418/1, G/L/933, G/SG/D40/1.