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

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Australia

The following communication, dated 21 February 2013, from the delegation of Australia 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.

Pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU), Australia notifies the Government of India that, in light of the substantial trade interest of Australia, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by the United States in the communication entitled *India – Certain Measures Relating to Solar Cells and Solar Modules* and circulated to WTO Members on 11 February 2013 (WT/DS456/1).

Australia has substantial trade and commercial interest in this dispute as a potential entrant in the export market for renewable energy products. Australia also has a strong systemic interest in the proper interpretation of relevant provisions as they relate to environmental measures.

Australia looks forward to receiving your reply.
