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## UNITED STATES – CERTAIN MEASURES ON STEEL AND ALUMINIUM PRODUCTS

### REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

#### *Communication from Mexico*

The following communication, dated 20 July 2018, from the delegation of Mexico to the delegation of the United States, and the delegation of Switzerland, is circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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I have been instructed by my authorities to inform you that Mexico has a substantial trade interest in the request for consultations by Switzerland in *United States – Certain Measures on Steel and Aluminium Products* (DS556).<sup>1</sup>

Mexico has a systemic interest in participating in the consultations, in view of their very purpose, the covered agreements involved, and also because it is one of main exporters of such products to the United States.

In 2017, Mexico exported to the United States steel products subject to the measure with a total value of US\$2,509.3 million and aluminium products subject to the measure with a total value of US\$262.2 million, and Mexico is one of the main exporters to the United States of products in both sectors. For the above reasons, the measures at issue complained of by Switzerland also apply to certain imports of steel and aluminium products from Mexico.

Accordingly, Mexico hereby notifies its wish to be joined in the above-mentioned consultations, owing to its substantial trade interest therein, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*.

I therefore look forward to receiving confirmation of acceptance of this request, as well as advice regarding the date and venue for these consultations.

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<sup>1</sup> Document WT/DS556/1, circulated on 12 July 2018.