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Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Japan

The following communication, dated 11 March 2011, from the delegation of Japan to the delegation of the United States, the delegation of China and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

With reference to the consultations requested by the Government of the People's Republic of China("China") in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 2 March 2011 in document WT/DS422/1, G/L/953, G/ADP/D87/1 titled "United States—Anti-Dumping Measures on Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from China", my authorities instruct 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 in these consultations, as they concern the "zeroing" methodology by the United States in its anti-dumping proceedings which Japan has challenged in the dispute "United States – Measures Relating to Zeroing and Sunset Reviews" (DS322).