

**CHINA – MEASURES RELATED TO THE EXPORTATION
OF VARIOUS RAW MATERIALS**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Canada

The following communication, dated 7 September 2009, from the delegation of Canada to the delegation of China, the delegation of Mexico and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU), the Government of Canada hereby notifies its desire to join in the consultations requested by Mexico pursuant to Articles 1 and 4 of the DSU and Article XXII of the *General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994* with respect to China's restraints on the export from China of various forms of bauxite, coke, fluorspar, magnesium, manganese, silicon carbide, silicon metal, yellow phosphorus and zinc.

The relevant communication to the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China from the Permanent Mission of Mexico, dated 23 August 2009, was circulated to WTO Members on 26 August 2009 as *China – Measures Related to the Exportation of Various Raw Materials* (WT/DS398/1, G/L/892).

Canada has a substantial trade interest in these proceedings, as it is a major exporter and importer of the named materials. Canada is concerned that the measures at issue cause marked distortion in the availability and international prices for those materials and in the price of products manufactured from them. Accordingly, Canada requests to join in these consultations.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, with a request that it be circulated to Members.
