

**CHINA – MEASURES AFFECTING FINANCIAL INFORMATION SERVICES AND
FOREIGN FINANCIAL INFORMATION SUPPLIERS**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from the United States

The following communication, dated 14 March 2008, from the delegation of the United States to the delegation of China, the delegation of the European Communities and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

This concerns the request for consultations by the European Communities on *China – Measures Affecting Financial Information Services and Foreign Financial Information Suppliers*, circulated on 5 March 2008 (WT/DS372/1). My authorities have instructed me to notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of the desire of the United States to be joined in these consultations, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*. The United States has a substantial trade interest in these consultations. They concern certain measures of China governing the treatment of financial information services and service suppliers, on which the United States has also requested consultations (WT/DS373/1). These measures impose restrictions and requirements on financial information services and service suppliers, and US service suppliers are among the principal suppliers of financial information services to customers in China.
