

**UNITED STATES – USE OF ZEROING IN ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES
INVOLVING PRODUCTS FROM KOREA**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Japan

The following communication, dated 3 December 2009, from the delegation of Japan to the delegation of the United States, the delegation of Korea 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 Korea in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 26 November 2009 in document WT/DS402/1, G/L/913, G/ADP/D80/1 titled "*United States – Use of Zeroing in Anti-Dumping Measures Involving Products from Korea*", 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. The products subject to the measures at issue are "stainless steel plate in coils", "stainless steel sheet and strip in coils" and "diamond sawblades and parts thereof", which Japan also exports to the United States. These consultations further concern the "zeroing" methodology by the United States in its anti-dumping proceedings which Japan has challenged in the dispute "*United – Measures Relating to Zeroing and Sunset Reviews*" (DS322).
