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## INDIA - CERTAIN MEASURES ON IMPORTS OF IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS

### REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

*Communication from Chinese Taipei*

The following communication, dated 17 January 2017, from the delegation of Chinese Taipei to the delegation of India, the delegation of Japan and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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I would like to refer to the consultations requested by Japan in the communication circulated to WTO Members on 9 January 2017 (WT/DS518/1, G/L/1172, G/SG/D49/1) titled *India - Certain Measures on Imports of Iron and Steel Products*.

Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu hereby notifies the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of its desire to be joined in these consultations.

The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu had requested details about the Minimum Import Price System (MIP) on iron and steel products, and explanations how this MIP measure is in compliance with WTO agreements from India at the meetings of the Council for Trade in Goods. However, there is no satisfactory response.

According to the statistics of 2015, the exportation of the concerned products from the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu is to the amount of USD 14 million. It is believed we have a substantial trade interest in these consultations and a systemic interest in the interpretation of the provisions of GATT 1994 and the Agreement on Safeguards.

The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu looks forward to receiving confirmation of acceptance of this request, as well as advice regarding the time and venue for these consultations.

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