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INDIA – MEASURES CONCERNING SUGAR AND SUGARCANE

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Thailand

The following communication, dated 27 March 2019, from the delegation of Thailand to the delegation of India, and the delegation of Guatemala, is circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

My authorities have instructed me to notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of Thailand's desire, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, to be joined in the consultations requested by Guatemala in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 25 March 2019, in document WT/DS581/1 entitled *India – Measures Concerning Sugar and Sugarcane*.

Thailand has a substantial trade interest in these consultations. In 2018, Thailand was the world's second largest exporter of sugar with export value of US\$ 2,596.78 million. As a result of this substantial trade interest, Thailand respectfully requests that it be permitted to join the consultations in this dispute.

Thailand looks forward to acceptance of this request and advice regarding the date and venue of the consultations.
