

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES AND ITS MEMBER STATES – TARIFF TREATMENT
OF CERTAIN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from China

The following communication, dated 12 June 2008, from the delegation of China to the delegation of the European Communities, the delegation of Japan 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 the People's Republic of China hereby notifies the European Communities ("EC") that it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by the Japan pursuant to Articles 4 of the DSU, Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 ("GATT1994"), with respect to EC's tariff treatment of certain Information Technology Products, in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 2 June (WT/DS376/1).

As a significant bilateral trade partner of the EC, China, therefore, evidently has substantial interest in these relevant consultations.
