

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – PROVISIONAL SAFEGUARD MEASURES
ON IMPORTS OF CERTAIN STEEL PRODUCTS**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Japan

The following communication, dated 7 June 2002, from the Permanent Mission of Japan to the Permanent Delegation of the European Communities, the Permanent Mission of the United States and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the Government of Japan hereby notifies the European Communities that, in light of the substantial trade interest of Japan, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by the United States in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 5 June 2002 (WT/DS260/1, G/L/554, G/SG/D28/1) titled "European Communities – Provisional Safeguard Measures on Imports of Certain Steel Products".
