

**UNITED STATES – SUBSIDIES AND OTHER DOMESTIC SUPPORT
FOR CORN AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Australia

The following communication, dated 18 January 2007, from the delegation of Australia to the delegation of the United States, the delegation of Canada 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), Australia notifies the Government of the United States that, in light of the substantial trade interest of Australia, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by Canada in the communication entitled *United States – Subsidies and Other Domestic Support for Corn and other Agricultural Products* and circulated to WTO Members on 11 January 2007 (WT/DS357/1).

As a significant global exporter of agricultural products, including of a variety of crops, Australia has a substantial trade interest in the measures cited in WT/DS357/1. Australia's agricultural exports totalled approximately \$A 30.4 billion in 2004-05, accounting for approximately 24 per cent of Australia's total merchandise exports.

Australia looks forward to receiving your reply.
