

**UNITED STATES – DEFINITIVE SAFEGUARD MEASURES
ON IMPORTS OF CERTAIN STEEL PRODUCTS**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from China

The following communication, dated 31 May 2002, from the Permanent Mission of China to the Permanent Mission of the United States, the Permanent Mission of New Zealand 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 the People's Republic of China hereby notifies the Government of the United States that, in light of the substantial trade interest of China, it wishes to join the consultations requested by New Zealand in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 21 May 2002 (WT/DS258/1, G/L/551, G/SG/D26/1) titled "United States – Definitive Safeguard Measures on Imports of Certain Steel Products".

I would appreciate a reply to our request for consultation from your side.
