

**CHINA – MEASURES AFFECTING THE PROTECTION AND
ENFORCEMENT OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Japan

The following communication, dated 20 April 2007, from the delegation of Japan to the delegation of China, the delegation 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 Government of the People's Republic of China ("China") of its desire to be joined in the consultations requested by the United States in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 16 April 2007 (WT/DS362/1, IP/D/26, G/L/819), titled "*China - Measures Affecting the Protection and Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights*", in light of the substantial trade interest of Japan as a major trading partner of China.
