

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – MEASURES AFFECTING TRADE  
IN COMMERCIAL VESSELS**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from China*

The following communication, dated 12 September 2003, from the Permanent Mission of China to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission, the Permanent Mission of Korea and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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With reference to document WT/DS301/1, G/L/643, G/SCM/D57/1 of 11 September 2003, and pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU), in view of the People's Republic of China's substantial trade interest in the subject-matter of the consultations requested by the Republic of Korea relating to *European Communities – Measures Affecting Trade in Commercial Vessels*, I am writing to advise you of the People's Republic of China's desire to be joined in these consultations.

I look forward to your advice regarding the timing and venue for the consultations.

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