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EUROPEAN UNION – MEASURES RELATED TO PRICE COMPARISON METHODOLOGIES

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from the United States

The following communication, dated 22 December 2016, from the delegation of the United States to the delegation of the European Union, the delegation of China and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

This concerns the request for consultations by the People's Republic of China on *European Union – Measures Related to Price Comparison Methodologies* (WT/DS516/1), circulated on 15 December 2016. My authorities have instructed me to notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of the desire of the United States to be joined in these consultations, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*.

The United States has a substantial trade interest in these consultations. China has on 12 December 2016, also requested consultations with the United States (WT/DS515/1) concerning the expiration of Section 15, paragraph (a)(ii), of the *Protocol on the Accession of the People's Republic of China*. China's request to the United States cites all of the provisions of the covered agreements cited in its request for consultations with the European Union. Therefore, in any event, it would appear that China considers the matter raised in its request for consultations with the European Union to be closely related to the matter raised in its request for consultations with the United States.
