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CHINA – MEASURES AFFECTING TRADING RIGHTS AND DISTRIBUTION SERVICES FOR CERTAIN PUBLICATIONS AND AUDIOVISUAL ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTS

Status Report by China

The following communication, dated 13 January 2011, from the delegation of China to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 21.6 of the DSU.

Status Report Regarding Implementation of the
DSB Recommendations and Rulings in the Dispute
China – Measures Affecting Trading Rights and Distribution Services
for Certain Publications and Audiovisual Entertainment Products
(WT/DS363)

China submits this report in accordance with Article 21.6 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*.

At its meeting on 19 January 2010, the DSB adopted the Appellate Body report and the panel report, as modified by the Appellate Body report on *China — Measures Affecting Trading Rights and Distribution Services for Certain Publications and Audiovisual Entertainment Products* (WT/DS363). On 18 February 2010, China informed the DSB of its intention to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB in connection with this matter.

On 12 July 2010, China and the United States informed the DSB that they had agreed that the reasonable period of time for China to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB shall be 14 months from the date of adoption of the Appellate Body and panel reports. Accordingly, the reasonable period of time expires on 19 March 2011.

China once again reiterates its intention to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB in this dispute. After the adoption of the Appellate Body report and the panel report by the DSB, relevant Chinese agencies began to actively study various possible ways of implementation. Considering that this dispute concerns a number of Chinese administrative measures on cultural products and is embodied with more complexity and sensitivity than other disputes, China currently is conducting prudent analysis on how to amend relevant measures at issue.