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## BRAZIL – CERTAIN MEASURES CONCERNING TAXATION AND CHARGES

### REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

#### *Communication from the United States*

The following communication, dated 17 January 2014, from the delegation of the United States to the delegation of Brazil, the delegation of the European Union and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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This letter concerns the request for consultations by the European Union on *Brazil – Certain Measures Concerning Taxation and Charges*, circulated on 8 January 2014 (WT/DS472/1). 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 wide range of products subject to these measures includes at least \$12 billion of U.S. exports to Brazil in 2012. These U.S. exports account for approximately 10 percent of Brazil's worldwide imports of these goods, and represent more than a third of total U.S. goods exports to Brazil in 2012. As such, the United States has a substantial trade interest in these consultations.

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