

**UNITED STATES – DEFINITIVE SAFEGUARD MEASURES  
ON IMPORTS OF CERTAIN STEEL PRODUCTS**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Venezuela*

The following communication, dated 20 March 2002, from the Permanent Mission of Venezuela to the Permanent Mission of the United States, the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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I wish to inform you that Venezuela is interested in being joined in the consultations to be held between the European Communities (EC) and the United States concerning: United States – Definitive Safeguard Measures on Imports of Certain Steel Products, DS/248.

Our request is specifically based on Venezuela's substantial trade interest in this matter, in accordance with Article 4.11 of the WTO dispute settlement procedures.

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