

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - SAFEGUARD MEASURES ON IMPORTS OF
POLYPROPYLENE BAGS AND TUBULAR FABRIC**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from El Salvador

The following communication, dated 26 October 2010, from the delegation of El Salvador to the delegation of the Dominican Republic, the delegations of Costa Rica, Guatemala and Honduras and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

In accordance with the provisions of Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), El Salvador hereby notifies its wish to be joined in the consultations requested by the Governments of Costa Rica (DS415)¹, Guatemala (DS416)², and Honduras (DS417)³ pursuant to Article 4 of the DSU, Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 and Article 14 of the Agreement on Safeguards. The consultations were requested by means of the corresponding communications circulated to WTO Members on 21 October 2010 under the title *Dominican Republic - Safeguard Measures on Imports of Polypropylene Bags and Tubular Fabric*.

As you know, El Salvador has submitted a request for consultations parallel to the requests submitted by Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Honduras, since its exports of polypropylene bags and tubular fabric to the Dominican Republic are being made subject to the safeguard measure in question. El Salvador therefore considers that its substantial trade interest in being joined in these consultations is duly substantiated.

Accordingly, El Salvador requests the Dominican Republic to accept its claim of a substantial trade interest and its request to join the consultations.

¹ Document WT/DS415/1, G/L/930, G/SG/S37/1.

² Document WT/DS416/1, G/L/931, G/SG/D38/1.

³ Document WT/DS417/1, G/L/932, G/SG/D39/1.