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## UNITED STATES – CERTAIN MEASURES ON STEEL AND ALUMINIUM PRODUCTS

### REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

#### *Communication from Turkey*

The following communication, dated 14 June 2018, from the delegation of Turkey to the delegation of the United States, and the delegation of the European Union, is circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the Republic of Turkey (Turkey) hereby notifies the Government of the United States, the European Union and the Dispute Settlement Body that, in light of its substantial trade interest, Turkey desires to be joined in the consultations requested by the European Union in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 6 June 2018 (WT/DS548/1; G/L/1243, G/SG/D54/1) entitled "United States – Certain Measures on Steel and Aluminium Products".

Turkey notes that the request for consultations relates to measures applied by the United States on certain imports of steel and aluminium products from nearly all WTO members, including Turkey.

In 2017, Turkey has exported to the United States, steel products of the types covered by the measures of a total value of USD 1,04 billion, and aluminium products of the types covered by the measures of a total value of USD 59,17 million, making the United States the number one and tenth export market for Turkey. The United States' share in Turkey's exports of the said products in 2017 was 11,4 percent and 3 percent for steel and aluminium, respectively. Therefore, the measure at issue presents a significant trade barrier for Turkey's exports of the said products to the United States and has a substantial impact on the sale and exportation of Turkey's steel and aluminium products, giving Turkey a substantial trade interest in these consultations.

As a result of this substantial trade interest, Turkey respectfully requests that it be permitted to join the consultations in this dispute.

Turkey looks forward to receiving your reply.

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