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EUROPEAN UNION – MEASURES RELATED TO PRICE COMPARISON METHODOLOGIES

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from the Russian Federation

The following communication, dated 22 December 2016, from the delegation of Russia to the delegation of the European Union, the delegation of China and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

I wish to refer to the consultations requested by the People's Republic of China pursuant to Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes ("DSU"), Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 ("GATT 1994"), and Article 17 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the GATT 1994 in the communication circulated to WTO Members on 15 December (WT/DS516/1; G/L/1170; G/ADP/D116/1) titled *"European Union – Measures Related to Price Comparison Methodologies (DS516)"*. My authorities have instructed me to notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of the desire of the Russian Federation to be joined in these consultations, pursuant to the Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Calculation of margins of dumping in the course of anti-dumping investigations is an issue of systemic interest of the Russian Federation. The outcome of this dispute might result in reallocation of market shares in the exporting WTO Members in international trade and might affect exports from Russia to the EU. Both China and the EU are important trading partners of the Russian Federation. Therefore, the Russian Federation has a substantial trade interest in this dispute and requests to be joined in the consultations as a third party.
