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**AUSTRALIA – CERTAIN MEASURES CONCERNING TRADEMARKS,  
GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS AND OTHER PLAIN PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS  
APPLICABLE TO TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND PACKAGING**

**REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS**

*Communication from the Dominican Republic*

The following communication, dated 17 May 2013, from the delegation of the Dominican Republic to the delegation of Australia, the delegation of Cuba and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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I have received instructions from my country's authorities to request, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*, that the Dominican Republic be joined in the consultations requested by Cuba on 3 May 2013 regarding *Australia-Certain Measures Concerning Trademarks, Geographical Indications and Other Plain Packaging Requirements Applicable to Tobacco Products and Packaging* (WT/DS458/1, circulated on 7 May 2013).

The Dominican Republic is a major producer and exporter of tobacco products and therefore has a substantial trade interest in these consultations.

The Dominican Republic looks forward to receiving Australia's response.

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