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UNITED STATES – CERTAIN MEASURES ON STEEL AND ALUMINIUM PRODUCTS

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Thailand

The following communication, dated 18 April 2018, from the delegation of Thailand to the delegation of the United States, the delegation of China and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

My authorities have instructed me to notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of Thailand's desire, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, to be joined in the consultations requested by China in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 9 April 2018, in document WT/DS544/1 entitled *United States – Certain Measures on Steel and Aluminium Products*.

Thailand has a substantial trade interest in these consultations. In 2017, Thailand exported USD 305.35 million of steel products and USD 30.38 million of aluminum products to the United States, which is the first and the sixth largest export market of Thailand's steel and aluminum products respectively. The measures at issue identified in the request for consultations may substantially affect Thailand's sales and exports of these products. As a result of this substantial trade interest, Thailand respectfully requests that it be permitted to join the consultations in this dispute.

Thailand looks forward to acceptance of this request and advice regarding the date and venue of the consultations.
