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UNITED STATES – MEASURES RELATED TO PRICE COMPARISON METHODOLOGIES

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Australia

The following communication, dated 28 November 2017, from the delegation of Australia 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.

Following the supplementary request for consultations made by the People's Republic of China, circulated to WTO Members on 8 November 2017 (WT/DS515/1/Add.1), and pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU), Australia notifies the Government of the People's Republic of China, the Government of the United States and the Dispute Settlement Body, of its desire to participate in the aforementioned consultations, should they occur.

This request reiterates Australia's original, 22 December 2016, request (WT/DS515/4) to join the consultations. Australia continues to have a substantial trade interest in these consultations, and a significant systemic interest in the proper interpretation of the WTO disciplines applicable to price comparison methodologies as well as the *Protocol on the Accession of the People's Republic of China*.

Mindful of the rights and obligations of WTO Members under Article 4.11 of the DSU, Australia looks forward to receiving your reply, and advice of the date and venue of any further consultations.
