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## CHINA – SUBSIDIES TO PRODUCERS OF PRIMARY ALUMINIUM

### REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

#### *Communication from Canada*

The following communication, dated 27 January 2017, from the delegation of Canada to the delegation of China, the delegation of the United States and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated 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 Government of Canada hereby notifies its desire to join the consultations requested by the United States pursuant to Articles 1 and 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994, and Articles 7 and 30 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures with regard to alleged subsidies that China allegedly provides to Chinese producers of primary aluminum. The request of the United States is set out in document WT/DS519/1.

Canada is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest producer of aluminum in the world, with a yearly output of 3.2 million tons. Canadian aluminum is exported to large consuming markets such as China, France, Japan, Korea, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, and the United States, where it competes directly with Chinese aluminum. As a result of this competition in markets around the world, Canada has a substantial trade interest in these proceedings which concern alleged Chinese subsidies to aluminum producers, which are alleged to have significant market impacts. More generally, Canada has a systemic interest in interpretations of provisions of the SCM Agreement which could have significant consequences for Canada's trade.

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

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, with a request that it be circulated to Members.

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