



30 May 2018

(18-3251)

Page: 1/1

Original: English

**UNITED STATES – SAFEGUARD MEASURE ON IMPORTS OF CRYSTALLINE
SILICON PHOTOVOLTAIC PRODUCTS**

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Malaysia

The following communication, dated 25 May 2018, from the delegation of Malaysia to the delegation of the United States, and the delegation of Republic of Korea, is circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rule and Procedures governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the Government of Malaysia hereby request to join the on-going consultation between the Government of the United States of America and the Republic Korea on imports of crystalline silicon photovoltaic products (CSPV).

2. Malaysia is currently a major hub for solar equipment manufacturing. Being among the world's largest manufacturers of PV cells and modules, Malaysia has a substantial export interest of CSPV in the US market:

- i. Based on the United States' International Trade Commission (USITC) report, Malaysia was among the largest exporter of CSPV products to the US between 2013 and 2016;
- ii. Malaysia's exports of CSPV to the US in 2016 was USD2,530 million while the US' import value of CSPV worldwide stood at USD8,486 million; AND
- iii. Malaysia's export share to the US market for 2016 was approximately 29.8%.

| ITEMS | CALENDAR YEAR | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
| Total US' Imports (USD Mil) | 5,213 | 3,721 | 4,286 | 6,082 | 8,486 |
| Malaysia's Exports (USD Mil) | 1,512 | 1,251 | 896 | 1,315 | 2,530 |
| Malaysia's Export Share (%) | 29.0 | 33.6 | 20.9 | 21.6 | 29.8 |

3. Malaysia looks forward to receiving the United States' favourable reply to this request.