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**CHINA – MEASURES RELATED TO DEMONSTRATION BASES
AND COMMON SERVICE PLATFORMS PROGRAMMES**

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Japan

The following communication, dated 24 February 2015, from the delegation of Japan 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.

I wish to refer to 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 ("DSU"), Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 ("GATT 1994"), and Articles 4 and 30 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures in the communication circulated to WTO Members on 19 February (WT/DS489/1, G/L/1105, G/SCM/D105/1) titled "*China – Measures Related to Demonstration Bases and Common Service Platforms Programmes*". My authorities have instructed me to notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of the desire of Japan to be joined in these consultations, pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the DSU.

As these consultations concern the certain measures allegedly providing subsidies contingent on export performances to enterprises in several industries in China, Japan has a substantial trade interest in these consultations as a major trading partner of China including in those sectors covered by the measures in question.¹

¹ In 2014, the total value of exports from Japan to China (excluding Hong-Kong) was approximately 127 billion US dollars, while the total value of imports was approximately 182 billion US dollars. (Source: Statistics of the Ministry of Finance of Japan (The original currency of the statistics is Japanese yen)).