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## EUROPEAN UNION – MEASURES RELATED TO PRICE COMPARISON METHODOLOGIES

### REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

#### *Communication from Canada*

The following communication, dated 22 December 2016, from the delegation of Canada to the delegation of the European Union, the delegation of China 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 China pursuant to Articles 1 and 4 of the DSU, Article 17 of Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (AD Agreement) and Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 with respect to certain EU measures related to price comparison methodologies in the context of normal value determinations. The request of China is set out in document WT/DS516/1.

The European market is critically important to Canadian exporters. Canada exported close to CAD 38 billion worth of goods to the European Union in 2015. In many cases, Canadian exports to the EU compete directly with exports from China. As a result, Canada has a substantial trade interest in these proceedings which concern the ability of the European Commission to properly determine normal values for allegedly dumped Chinese exports. This is especially the case as Canadian exports to the EU are expected to increase with the forthcoming entry into force of the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement. More generally, possible interpretations of the AD Agreement, China's Protocol of Accession and the subject EU price comparison methodologies could have systemic consequences for Canada's export trade with the European Union.

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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