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INDIA – TARIFF TREATMENT ON CERTAIN GOODS

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from China

The following communication, dated 21 May 2019, from the delegation of China to the delegation of India, and the delegation of Japan, 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 Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU), China hereby notifies the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body that, in light of its substantial trade interest, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by Japan in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 14 May 2019, entitled *India – Tariff Treatment on Certain Goods* (WT/DS584/1).

China notes that the request for consultations relates to duties applied by India on imports of certain goods in the information and technology sector. China has a substantial trade interest in the consultations as China is one of India's major sources of import of mechanical and electrical products classified in HS Chapter 85, and one of the main exporters of information technology products in the world. For example, the statistics show that in 2018, China's export of telephones for cellular networks to India amounted to US\$ 1.9 billion, base stations amounted to US\$ 0.23 billion, and machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data amounted to US\$ 0.28 billion.

China looks forward to receiving your reply and advice of the date and venue of the consultations.
