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RUSSIAN FEDERATION – RECYCLING FEE ON MOTOR VEHICLES

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Ukraine

The following communication, dated 29 July 2013, from the delegation of Ukraine to the delegation of the Russian Federation, the delegation of Japan and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

I have the honour to refer to a communication circulated to WTO Members on 26 July 2013 (G/L/1034, G/TBT/D/45, G/TRIMS/D/38, WT/DS463/1) entitled *Russian Federation – Recycling Fee on Motor Vehicles* by which Japan requests to hold consultations with the Russian Federation.

Ukraine has a substantial trade interest in the present dispute because it is a significant producer and exporter of vehicles. Therefore, Ukraine has a systemic interest in the application and interpretation of the provisions of the relevant WTO Agreements.

In view of the above and pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*, my authorities have instructed me to notify hereby the Governments of the Russian Federation, of Japan and the Dispute Settlement Body of a desire of Ukraine to be joined in the consultations requested by Japan.

Ukraine looks forward to being informed of the date and venue of the consultations.
