

**CHINA – MEASURES RELATING TO THE PRODUCTION  
AND EXPORTATION OF APPAREL AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Guatemala*

The following communication, dated 26 October 2012, from the delegation of Guatemala to the delegation of China, the delegation of Mexico and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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In accordance with Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (the "DSU"), the Government of Guatemala hereby notifies its desire to join in the consultations requested by Mexico concerning certain measures of China that allegedly support producers and exporters of apparel and textiles products.

The request for consultations to China from Mexico, dated 15 October 2012, was circulated to the WTO Members on 18 October 2012 as document WT/DS451/1; G/L/1004; G/SCM/D94/1; G/AG/GEN/103.

Guatemala has a substantial trade interest in these consultations, as it exports more than US\$ 805.152 millions in apparel and textile products, representing 13.4% of Guatemalan total exports. The apparel and textiles industry in Guatemala is responsible for the creation of more than 90,000 direct jobs.

Furthermore, Guatemala also has a systemic interest in the correct interpretation of the covered agreements in view of the measures at issue.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, with a request that it be circulated to the Members. Looking forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for considering this request.

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