

**AUSTRALIA – CERTAIN MEASURES CONCERNING TRADEMARKS AND
OTHER PLAIN PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO
TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND PACKAGING**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Zimbabwe

The following communication, received on 16 April 2012, from the delegation of Zimbabwe to the delegation of Australia, the delegation of Honduras and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated 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*, the Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe notifies the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of its desire to be joined in the consultations requested by the government of Honduras, in *Australia — Certain Measures Concerning Trademarks and Other Plain Packaging Requirements Applicable to Tobacco Products and Packaging*. This request for consultations was circulated to WTO Members on 10 April 2012 (WT/DS435/1)

Zimbabwe has a substantial trade interest in these consultations. Zimbabwe is a major global producer and exporter of leaf tobacco. The country is also a major exporter of processed tobacco products in the southern and east African region.

The Government of Republic of Zimbabwe looks forward to receiving your reply.
