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**INDIA – TARIFF TREATMENT ON CERTAIN GOODS IN THE INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY SECTOR**

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from the United States

The following communication, dated 17 September 2019, from the delegation of the United States to the delegation of India, and the delegation of the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu, is circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

This concerns the request for consultations by Chinese Taipei on *India – Tariff Treatment on Certain Goods in the Information and Communications Technology Sector* (WT/DS588/1). My authorities have instructed me to notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of the desire of the United States to be joined in these consultations, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*.

The United States has a substantial trade interest in these consultations. The United States is a significant exporter of goods in the information and technology sector in the categories of products described in Chinese Taipei's request. U.S. exports to India of goods subject to the measures identified in Chinese Taipei's request as listed in the annex, for example, were valued at approximately \$490 million in 2018. As such, the United States considers that it has a substantial trade interest and requests to be joined in these consultations.
