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Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Colombia

The following communication, dated 4 September 2009, from the delegation of Colombia to the delegation of China, the delegation of Mexico and to the Chairman 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 (DSU), my authorities have instructed me to notify the Government of China, the Government of México, and the Dispute Settlement Body that the Government of Colombia wishes to join the consultations requested by Mexico in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 26 August 2009 (WT/DS398/1, G/L/892) entitled *China – Measures Related to the Exportation of Various Raw Materials*.

Given the importance of China as exporter of the raw materials indicated in the request for consultations and the interest that such exports be unhindered, Colombia has a substantial trade interest as well as a systemic interest in the way in which China's legal regime for said exports operates.

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