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UNITED STATES – CERTAIN MEASURES ON STEEL AND ALUMINIUM PRODUCTS

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from China

The following communication, dated 20 July 2018, from the delegation of China to the delegation of the United States, and the delegation of Switzerland, is circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body 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), China hereby notifies the Government of the United States, the Government of Switzerland, and the Dispute Settlement Body that, in light of its substantial trade interest, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by Switzerland in a communication entitled *United States – Certain Measures on Steel and Aluminium Products* (WT/DS556/1) circulated to WTO Members on 12 July 2018.

China has a substantial trade interest in the consultations, as the measures of the United States identified in the aforesaid communication from Switzerland have a substantial impact on the exportation of the steel and aluminum products of China covered by the measures. China's exports of steel to the United States are significant, as per the data in the report published by the US Department of Commerce on 11 January 2018, entitled *The Effect of Imports of Steel on the National Security, An Investigation Conducted Under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act, 1962, As Amended* (Figure 2, page 28). China's exports of aluminum to the United States are also significant as per the data published by the US Department of Commerce, on 17 January 2018, in their report entitled *The Effect of Imports of Aluminum on the National Security, An Investigation Conducted Under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act, 1962, As Amended* (Table 17, page 65).

China looks forward to receiving your reply and advice of the date and venue of the consultations.
