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## BRAZIL – CERTAIN MEASURES CONCERNING TAXATION AND CHARGES

### REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

#### *Communication from Japan*

The following communication, dated 15 January 2014, from the delegation of Japan to the delegation of Brazil, the delegation of the European Union and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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I wish to refer to the consultations requested by the European Union pursuant to Articles 1 and 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (the DSU), Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994), and Article 4 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (the SCM Agreement) and Article 8 of the Agreement on Trade Related Investment Measures (the TRIMs Agreement) in the communication circulated to WTO Members on 8 January 2014 (WT/DS472/1, G/L/1061, G/SCM/D100/1, G/TRIMS/D/39) titled *Brazil – Certain Measures Concerning Taxation and Charges*. My authorities have instructed me to notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of the desire of Japan to be joined in these consultations, pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the DSU.

As these consultations concern the certain measures concerning taxation and charges on several goods, such as in the automotive and electronics sectors, Japan has a substantial trade interest in these consultations as a major supplier of those goods and a significant investing country to Brazil.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> In 2012, the total value of imports from Japan to Brazil was approximately 7.74 billion US dollars.