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INDIA – MEASURES CONCERNING SUGAR AND SUGARCANE

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Costa Rica

The following communication, received 29 March 2019, from the delegation of Costa Rica to the delegation of India, and the delegation of Guatemala, 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*, the Government of Costa Rica notifies the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of its desire to be joined in the consultations requested by the Government of Guatemala, in Measures concerning sugar and sugarcane (DS581). This request for consultations was circulated to WTO Members on 25 March 2019 (WT/DS581/1).

Costa Rica has a substantial trade interest in these consultations as our country is a producer and exporter of sugar. Over the past 5 years, Costa Rica has exported an accumulated volume of 1,019,508 metric tons of sugar (accounting for nearly US\$ 430 million) to different destinations, which include China, the United States of America, the European Union, and Canada, among others.

The Government of Costa Rica looks forward to your reply.
