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EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – MEASURES PROHIBITING THE IMPORTATION AND MARKETING OF SEAL PRODUCTS

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Iceland

The following communication, dated 16 November 2009, from the delegation of Iceland to the delegation of the European Communities, the delegation of Canada 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), Iceland hereby notifies its desire to be joined in the consultations requested by Canada in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 4 November 2009 (WT/DS400/1) entitled *European Communities – Measures Prohibiting the Importation and Marketing of Seal Products*.

Fish and other marine products constitutes the largest share of Iceland's merchandise exports. Iceland thus has a substantial trade interest in the consultations requested by Canada and in the correct implementation of the Agreements referred to in Canada's request to the European Communities.

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