

**CHINA - MEASURES RELATED TO THE EXPORTATION OF
RARE EARTHS, TUNGSTEN AND MOLYBDENUM**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Japan

The following communication, dated 22 March 2012, from the delegation of Japan to the delegation of China, 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.

Pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the Government of Japan hereby notifies the Government of the People's Republic of China ("China") that, in light of the substantial trade interest of Japan, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by the European Union in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 15 March 2012 (WT/DS432/1, G/L/983) titled "*China - Measures Related to the Exportation of Rare Earths, Tungsten and Molybdenum*".

With respect to the substantial trade interest of Japan, Japan imports from China the products at issue in the consultation request by the European Union, "various forms of rare earths, tungsten and molybdenum". As you are aware, the Government of Japan also submitted its consultation request to China regarding the same products in a communication circulated to the WTO Members on 15 March 2012 (WT/DS433/1, G/L/984).
