

BRAZIL - CERTAIN MEASURES AFFECTING TRADE AND INVESTMENT
IN THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Japan

The following communication, dated 13 August 1996, from the Permanent Mission of Japan, to the Permanent Missions of the United States and Brazil and to 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, the Government of Japan hereby notifies the Government of Brazil that, in light of the substantial trade interest of Japan, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by the United States in a communication to be circulated to WTO Members as document (WT/DS52/1) concerning certain automotive investment measures by the Government of Brazil.

As a significant exporter of both motor vehicles and auto parts to Brazil, Japan has a substantial trade interest in the matter that is the subject of the request by the United States. In 1995, Japan exported approximately \$524 million-worth of motor vehicles and parts to Brazil.