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**JAPAN – MEASURES RELATED TO THE EXPORTATION OF  
PRODUCTS AND TECHNOLOGY TO KOREA**

**REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS**

*Communication from the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu*

The following communication, dated 25 September 2019, from the delegation of the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu to the delegation of Japan, and the delegation of the Republic of Korea, is circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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I would like to refer to the consultations requested by Korea in the communication circulated to WTO Members on 16 September 2019 (WT/DS590/1, G/L/1325, G/TFA/D3/1, G/TRIMS/D/45, S/L/431, IP/D/42) titled *JAPAN– MEASURES RELATED TO THE EXPORTATION OF PRODUCTS AND TECHNOLOGY TO KOREA*.

Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu hereby notifies the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of its desire to be joined in these consultations.

The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu has a substantial trade interest in the exportation of certain controlled products and a substantial systemic interest in the interpretation of the provisions of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994, the provisions of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation, the provisions of the Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures, the provisions of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights as amended by the 2005 Protocol Amending the TRIPS Agreement, and the provisions of the General Agreement on Trade in Service with respect to the measures in question related to the exportation of products and technology.

I look forward to receiving confirmation of acceptance of this request, as well as advice regarding the time and venue for these consultations.

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