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**CHINA – CERTAIN MEASURES CONCERNING THE PROTECTION
OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Ukraine

The following communication, dated 4 April 2018, from the delegation of Ukraine to the delegation of China, the delegation of the United States and to the Chairperson 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), the Government of Ukraine hereby notifies the People's Republic of China (China), the United States of America and Dispute Settlement Body that, in light of the substantial trade interest of Ukraine, it desires to join the consultations requested by the United States of America pursuant to Articles 1 and 4 of the DSU and Article 64 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) with respect to certain Chinese measures pertaining to the protection of intellectual property rights in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 26 March 2018 (WT/DS542/1; IP/D/38) entitled *China – Certain Measures Concerning the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights*.

Ukraine has a substantial interest in the matters related to protection of intellectual property rights by WTO members, the application and interpretation of the provisions of the relevant WTO Agreements, in particular TRIPS. Therefore, Ukraine has a systemic trade interest in enjoying its third party rights in order to clarify the existing provisions of TRIPS in accordance with public international law. Accordingly, Ukraine requests to join these consultations.

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