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INDIA – TARIFF TREATMENT ON CERTAIN GOODS IN THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY SECTOR

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Thailand

The following communication, dated 18 April 2019, from the delegation of Thailand to the delegation of India, and the delegation of the European Union, is circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

My authorities have instructed me to notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of Thailand's desire, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, to be joined in the consultations requested by the European Union in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 9 April 2019, in document WT/DS582/1 entitled *India – Tariff Treatment on Certain Goods in the Information and Communications Technology Sector.*

Thailand has a substantial trade interest in these consultations. In 2018, India imported the products presented in the attached table of the document WT/DS582/1 from Thailand in the amount of US\$ 318.2 million. In particular, from 2015 to 2017 Thailand was India's largest supplying market for digital cameras (HS2017 code 8525.80.20), with imports from Thailand accounting for 34.5 percent of India's total imports. The measures at issue identified in the request for consultations may substantially affect Thailand's sales and exports of these products. As a result of this substantial trade interest, Thailand requests that it be permitted to join the consultations in this dispute.

Thailand looks forward to acceptance of this request and advice regarding the date and venue of the consultations.