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CHINA – TARIFF RATE QUOTAS FOR CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Thailand

The following communication, dated 29 December 2016, from the delegation of Thailand 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), Thailand hereby notifies its desire to join in the consultations requested by the United States in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 21 December 2016 WT/DS517/1, G/L/1171 entitled *China – Tariff Rate Quotas for Certain Agricultural Products*.

Thailand is one of the major global exporter of rice and maintains important trade relation with both China and the United States. In 2015, in terms of rice, Thailand exports 4,544 billion USD globally.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, with a request that it be circulated to Members. Thailand looks forward to being informed of the date and venue of the consultations.
