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UNITED STATES – CERTAIN MEASURES ON STEEL AND ALUMINIUM PRODUCTS

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Hong Kong, China

The following communication, dated 15 June 2018, from the delegation of Hong Kong, China to the delegation of the United States, and the delegation of the European Union, is circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body 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), Hong Kong, China hereby notifies the United States and the Dispute Settlement Body of Hong Kong, China's desire, in light of our substantial trade interest, to join the consultations requested by the European Union in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 6 June 2018 (WT/DS548/1; G/L/1243; G/SG/D54/1) entitled "*United States – Certain Measures on Steel and Aluminium Products*".

Hong Kong, China has a substantial trade interest in the consultations as the measures identified in the aforesaid communication from the European Union (WT/DS548/1; G/L/1243; G/SG/D54/1), which are inconsistent with the obligations of the United States under, *inter alia*, the *General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994*, are applicable to the products involved from Hong Kong, China to the United States. In view of the systemic implications of the above unilateral and WTO-inconsistent measures for the multilateral trading system and international trade, Hong Kong, China also has a systemic interest in the correct application and interpretation of the relevant provisions of the *Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization* (including its Annexes).

As a result of the above substantial trade interest and systemic interest, Hong Kong, China requests to join the consultations and be advised regarding the date and venue of the consultations.
