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**CHINA - MEASURES IMPOSING ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES ON
HIGH-PERFORMANCE STAINLESS STEEL SEAMLESS TUBES ("HP-SSST")
FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION**

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Japan

The following communication, dated 27 June 2013, from the delegation of Japan to the delegation of China, the delegation of the European Union and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

I wish to refer to the consultations requested by the European Union pursuant to Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariff and Trade 1994 and Article 17.2 of the Anti-Dumping Agreement in the communication circulated to WTO Members on 18 June 2013 (WT/DS460, G/L/1030, G/ADP/D97/1) titled "*China – Measures Imposing Anti-Dumping Duties on Certain High-Performance Stainless Steel Seamless Tubes from the European Union*". My authorities have instructed me to notify the consulting Member and the Dispute Settlement Body of the desire of Japan to be joined in these consultations, pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*.

Japan has a substantial trade interest in these consultations. The products subject to the measure at issue are "high-performance stainless steel seamless tubes" which Japan also exports to the People's Republic of China¹. These consultations further concern insufficient explanation and unfulfilled obligation of transparency and procedures in the same anti-dumping measures by China as set out in Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China Notice No. 21 [2012] and Notice No. 72 [2012] which Japan has challenged in the dispute "*China – Measures Imposing Anti-Dumping Duties on High-Performance Stainless Steel Seamless Tubes from Japan (DS454)*".

¹ For example, Japanese merchandise export of high-performance stainless steel seamless tubes to China amounts to 72 million US dollars in 2011.