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**UNITED STATES – SAFEGUARD MEASURE ON IMPORTS OF
CRYSTALLINE SILICON PHOTOVOLTAIC PRODUCTS**

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Thailand

The following communication, dated 27 August 2018, from the delegation of Thailand to the delegation of the United States, and the delegation of China, 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 China in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 16 August 2018, in document WT/DS562/1 entitled *United States – Safeguard Measure on Imports of Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Products*.

Thailand has a substantial trade interest in these consultations. The United States is Thailand's largest export market for crystalline silicon photovoltaic products. In 2017, the United States imported US\$ 435.40 million of crystalline silicon photovoltaic products from Thailand. The measures at issue identified in the request for consultations, implemented by the United States since February 2018, have substantially affected Thailand's exports of crystalline silicon photovoltaic products to the United States. In February – May 2018, Thailand's export of these products declined from US\$ 123.18 million in 2017 to US\$ 55 million in 2018, or by a rate of 55.35%. As a result of this substantial trade interest, Thailand respectfully 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.
