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**CHINA – CERTAIN MEASURES CONCERNING THE PROTECTION
OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu

The following communication, dated 5 April 2018, from the delegation of the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu 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.

I would like to refer to the consultations requested by the United States in the communication circulated to WTO Members on 26 March 2018 (WT/DS542/1, IP/D/38) titled *China – Certain Measures Concerning the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights*.

Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu hereby notifies the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of its desire to be joined in these consultations.

The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu has a substantial trade interest in these consultations and a systemic interest in the interpretation of the provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu looks forward to receiving confirmation of acceptance of this request, as well as advice regarding the time and venue for these consultations.
