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INDIA – CERTAIN MEASURES ON IMPORTS OF IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Ukraine

The following communication, dated 19 January 2017, from the delegation of Ukraine to the delegation of Japan, the delegation of India 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*, Ukraine hereby notifies the Government of the Republic of India, the Government of Japan, and the Dispute Settlement Body that, in light of the substantial trade interest of Ukraine, it desires to join the consultations requested by Japan in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 9 January 2017 (WT/DS518/1, G/L/1172, G/SG/D49/) entitled *India – Certain Measures on Imports of Iron and Steel Products*.

Ukraine has been historically a reliable and regular supplier of the products at issue to Indian consumers. Four Ukrainian producers were among the known exporters defending their interests within the safeguard investigation concerning imports of "Hot-rolled flat products of non-alloy and other alloy steel in coils of a width of 600 mm or more". Therefore, Ukraine is highly interested in supplying the products concerned to India. Along with this, Ukraine raised the issue of Indian safeguard measures on steel products during the last two sessions of Committee on Safeguards. Accordingly, Ukraine has substantial interest in consultations on the safeguard measures applied by India on imports of certain steel products and the investigation that led to the imposition of those measures.

Ukraine looks forward to being informed of the date and venue of the consultations.
