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## INDIA – MEASURES CONCERNING SUGAR AND SUGARCANE

### REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

#### *Communication from the European Union*

The following communication, dated 1 April 2019, from the delegation of the European Union to the delegation of India, and the delegation of Guatemala, is circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the European Union hereby notifies the Government of India, the Government of Guatemala and the Dispute Settlement Body of its desire in light of its substantial trade interest to be joined in the consultations requested by Guatemala in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 25 March 2019 (WT/DS581/1, G/AG/GEN/153, G/SCM/D125/1, G/L/302), entitled "*India - Measures concerning Sugar and Sugarcane*".

Following the end of the sugar quotas, the European Union became a net exporter of sugar in the 2017/2018 marketing year, with exports increasing by 70% to more than 3 million tons per year. With exports to India of sugar increasing more than ten times in a single year in the 2017/2018 marketing year compared to the average of the two preceding marketing years, the European Union has the potential to become a major supplier to India.

In the light of the above, the European Union has a substantial trade interest in the consultations, and looks forward to being informed of the date and venue of the consultations.

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