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BRAZIL – CERTAIN MEASURES CONCERNING TAXATION AND CHARGES

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from the European Union

The following communication, dated 16 July 2015, from the delegation of the European Union to the delegation of Brazil, the delegation of Japan and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Following the request for consultations of Japan that was circulated to the WTO Members on 9 July 2015 (WT/DS497/1), and pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU), the European Union hereby notifies the Government of Brazil, the Government of Japan and the Dispute Settlement Body of its desire to join the consultations requested by Japan in DS497, in light of its substantial trade interest in this dispute.

The European Union's substantial trade interest to participate in these consultations is justified by the fact that almost a quarter of EU exports to the Brazilian market are affected by the measures in dispute. Brazil's automobiles, information and communication technology and automation products compete in the world's market with European Union products. Moreover, this dispute closely resembles the dispute launched by the European Union on 19 December 2013, *Brazil – Certain Measures Concerning Taxation and Charges* (DS472) which attests to the substantial trade interest of the European Union to participate in these consultations.

The European Union looks forward to being informed of the date and venue of the consultations.
