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INDONESIA - IMPORTATION OF HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTS, **ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS**

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Australia

The following communication, dated 24 January 2013, from the delegation of Australia to the delegation of Indonesia, 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.

Pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), Australia notifies the Government of the Republic of Indonesia that, in light of the substantial trade interest of Australia, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by the United States in the communication entitled Indonesia -Importation of horticultural products, animals and animal products and circulated to WTO Members on 14 January 2013 (WT/DS455/1).

Australia has substantial trade and commercial interests in this matter as a significant exporter of horticultural products, animals and animal products to Indonesia. In 2011, Indonesia was Australia's third largest agriculture export market, with a total value of US\$2.7 billion. In the same period, Australia was Indonesia's only source of live cattle imports (US\$328 million), its largest supplier of beef imports (US\$148 million) and its fifth largest supplier of horticultural imports (US\$45 million).

Australia looks forward to receiving your reply.