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UNITED STATES – CERTAIN MEASURES ON STEEL AND ALUMINIUM PRODUCTS

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Indonesia

The following communication, dated 18 June 2018, from the delegation of Indonesia to the delegation of the United States, and the delegation of the European Union, is circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

I would like to refer to the consultations requested by the European Union pursuant to Article 1 and Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994) and Article 14 of the Agreement on Safeguards in the communication circulated to WTO Members on 6 June 2018, entitled "United States – Certain Measures on Steel and Aluminium Products" (WT/DS548/1, G/L/1243, G/SG/D54/1). My authorities have instructed me to notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of Indonesia's desire to be joined in these consultations, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the DSU.

The measures at issue are the import adjustments on certain steel and aluminium products, including additional import duties. Indonesia asserts that the additional import duties in question also apply to imports of aluminium and steel products from Indonesia. The United States in 2017 was a major export market for Indonesia's aluminium and steel products which valued at USD 218,82 million and USD 208,91 million respectively. This made the United States the first largest export market for Indonesian aluminium products and the fourth largest export market for Indonesian steel products. Therefore, Indonesia has a substantial trade interest in these consultations.

Indonesia looks forward to receiving your reply and advice of the date and venue of these consultations.
