

**UNITED STATES – DEFINITIVE SAFEGUARD MEASURES  
ON IMPORTS OF CERTAIN STEEL PRODUCTS**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from New Zealand*

The following communication, dated 5 April 2002, from the Permanent Mission of New Zealand to the Permanent Mission of the United States, the Permanent Mission of Japan and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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With reference to document WT/DS249/1, G/L/529, G/SG/D21/1 of 26 March 2002, and pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU), in view of New Zealand's substantial trade interest in the subject-matter of the consultations requested by Japan relating to *United States – Definitive Safeguard Measures on Imports of Certain Steel Products*, I am writing to advise you of New Zealand's desire to be joined in these consultations.

I look forward to your advice regarding the timing and venue for the consultations.

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