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BRAZIL – CERTAIN MEASURES CONCERNING TAXATION AND CHARGES

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Argentina

The following communication, dated 16 January 2014, from the delegation of Argentina to the delegation of Brazil, the delegation of the European Union and the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is being circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

On instructions from my government and pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), I hereby notify Argentina's desire to be joined in the consultations requested by the European Union in *Brazil – Certain Measures Concerning Taxation and Charges* (document WT/DS472/1).

Argentina is one of the leading exporters to the Brazilian market, *inter alia* in the sectors identified in the request for consultations. In fact, Argentina's exports to Brazil totalled US\$14.727 billion during the period January–November 2013.

Consequently, Argentina has a substantial trade interest in these consultations, and therefore looks forward to receiving a positive reply to its request.