

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC – MEASURES AFFECTING THE IMPORTATION  
AND INTERNAL SALE OF CIGARETTES**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Nicaragua*

The following communication, dated 23 October 2003, from the Permanent Mission of Nicaragua to the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic, the Permanent Mission of Honduras and 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 the request for consultations under Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU) and Article XXII.1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 addressed by the Permanent Mission of Honduras to the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic, as circulated on 13 October 2003 in document WT/DS302/1 - G/L/645, with regard to "measures affecting the importation and internal sale of cigarettes", I hereby request, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the DSU, that Nicaragua be joined in these consultations on the grounds of its substantial trade interest therein.

We look forward to receiving a positive response to our request.

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