

**CHINA – MEASURES RELATED TO THE EXPORTATION
OF VARIOUS RAW MATERIALS**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from the European Communities

The following communication, dated 28 August 2009, from the delegation of the European Communities to the delegation of China, the delegation of Mexico and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU), the European Communities hereby notifies the Government of Mexico, the Government of China, and the Dispute Settlement Body that, in the light of the substantial trade interest of the European Communities, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by Mexico in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 26 August 2009 (WT/DS398/1, G/L/892) entitled *China – Measures Related to the Exportation of Various Raw Materials*.

A substantial number of raw materials used by industry in the European Communities, including the 9 raw materials at issue, are imported from the People's Republic of China, and on 25 June 2009, the European Communities also requested consultations under DSU on the same measures. The European Communities has therefore a substantial trade interest in the present dispute and in the correct application of the *General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade* as well as the *Protocol for the Accession of China* and the *Report of the Working Party on the Accession of China* as applicable.

The European Communities looks forward to being informed of the date and venue of the consultations.
