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Request to Join Consultations

Communication from the Philippines

The following communication, dated 11 June 2008, from the delegation of the Philippines to the delegation of the European Communities, the delegation of the United States and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

With reference to WT/DS375/1 and pursuant to Article 4(11) of the Dispute Settlement Understanding, I have the honour to request that the Philippines be joined in the Consultations requested by the United States, with respect to the tariff treatment the EC and its member States accord to set-top boxes with a communication function, flat panel displays, "input or output units", and facsimile machines.

The Philippines has a substantial trade interest in the consultations requested by the United States. We would be grateful of being informed of the date and venue of the consultations.