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INDIA – MEASURES CONCERNING SUGAR AND SUGARCANE

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Guatemala

The following communication, dated 11 March 2019, from the delegation of Guatemala to the delegation of India, and the delegation of Brazil, and the delegation of Australia, is circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

In accordance with Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (the "DSU"), the Government of Guatemala hereby notifies its desire to join in the consultations requested by Brazil and Australia regarding measures concerning sugar and sugarcane.

The request for consultations to India from Brazil, dated 27 February 2019, was circulated to the WTO Members on 5 March 2019 as document WT/DS579/1; G/AG/GEN/151; G/L/1298.

The request for consultations to India from Australia, dated 1 March 2019, was circulated to the WTO Members on 7 March 2019 as document WT/DS580/1; G/L/1299; G/AG/GEN/152; G/SCM/D124/1.

Guatemala has a substantial trade interest in these consultations, as Guatemala is the fourth largest sugar exporter in the world. Furthermore, Guatemala also has a systemic interest in the correct interpretation of the covered agreements in view of the measures at issue.

Guatemala's request is without prejudice of Guatemala's right to request its own consultations pursuant to Article 4 of the DSU.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, with a request that it be circulated to the WTO Members.

Looking forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for considering this request.
