

**INDIA – MEASURES AFFECTING TRADE AND INVESTMENT
IN THE MOTOR VEHICLE SECTOR**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from the European Communities

The following communication, dated 16 June 1999, from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the Permanent Mission of India, the Permanent Mission of the United States, 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, the European Communities (EC) wish to be joined in the consultations requested by the Government of the United States under Article 4 of the DSU, Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT 1994) and Article 8 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures (TRIMs) regarding certain measures affecting trade and investment in the motor vehicle sector. The US request for consultations was circulated to WTO Members on 7 June 1999 (WT/DS175/1, G/L/310, G/TRIMS/D/15).

As you know, the European Communities are also concerned by the measures mentioned in the US request for consultations and have a substantial trade interest as a major exporter of motor vehicles and components. In 1998, the European Communities exported to India €1.201 billion of automotive products.

The European Communities look forward to receiving your reply to this request.
