

**CHINA – MEASURES AFFECTING THE PROTECTION AND
ENFORCEMENT OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Canada

The following communication, dated 25 April 2007, from the delegation of Canada to the delegation of China, 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.

Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding of Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU), the Government of Canada hereby notifies its desire to be joined in consultations requested by the United States pursuant to Articles 1 and 4 of the DSU and Article 64 of the *Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights* with respect to certain measures pertaining to the protection and enforcement of intellectual rights in China.

The relevant communication to the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China from the Permanent Mission of the United States, dated April 10, 2007, was circulated to WTO Members on April 16, 2007 as *China – Measures Affecting the Protection and Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights* (WT/DS362/1, IP/D/26, G/L/819).

Canada has significant interests in the Chinese market both as an exporter and investor in China. Therefore, Canada has a substantial trade interest in the way in which China's legal regime for the protection of intellectual property operates. Accordingly, Canada requests to join in these consultations.
