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AUSTRALIA – CERTAIN MEASURES CONCERNING TRADEMARKS, GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS AND OTHER PLAIN PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND PACKAGING

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Cuba

The following communication, dated 11 October 2013, from the delegation of Cuba to the delegation of Australia, the delegation of Indonesia and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the WTO Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, I would like to inform you that Cuba considers it has a substantial trade interest in the following dispute: Australia – Certain Measures Concerning Trademarks, Geographical Indications and Other Plain Packaging Requirements Applicable to Tobacco Products and Packaging (Complainant: Indonesia) (DS467).

In light of the above, I have been instructed to express Cuba's desire to be joined in the consultations requested by Indonesia in document WT/DS467/1.

Cuba looks forward to receiving Australia's reply to this request.