

**CHINA – MEASURES RELATING TO THE PRODUCTION
AND EXPORTATION OF APPAREL AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from the European Union

The following communication, dated 25 October 2012, from the delegation of the European Union to the delegation of China, the delegation of Mexico 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 Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the European Union hereby notifies the Government of the People's Republic of China, the Government of Mexico and the Dispute Settlement Body that, in the light of the substantial trade interest of the European Union, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by Mexico in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 18 October 2012, entitled *China – Measures relating to the Production and Exportation of Apparel and Textile Products* (WT/DS451/1; G/L/1004; G/SCM/D94/1; G/AG/GEN/103).

In 2011, the European Union was the second exporter of apparel and textile products worldwide (115 billion Euros). It has therefore a substantial trade interest in this dispute.
