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Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Thailand

The following communication, dated 10 June 2008, from the delegation of Thailand to the delegation of the European Communities, the delegation of Japan and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU), Thailand hereby notifies the consulting parties and the Dispute Settlement Body of its desire to be joined in the consultations requested by Japan in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 2 June 2008 (WT/DS376/1).

As a leading exporter of one of the information technology products affected by the measures at issue, Thailand has a substantial and systemic interest in the subject of Japan's consultations request. Hence, Thailand requests to be joined in the consultations requested by Japan in this matter.

I look forward to receiving confirmation of receipt and acceptance of this request, and advice regarding the timing and venue for these consultations.