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INDIA – EXPORT RELATED MEASURES

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Canada

The following communication, dated 23 March 2018, from the delegation of Canada to the delegation of India, the delegation of the United States 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 Government of Canada hereby notifies its desire to join the consultations requested by the United States pursuant to Articles 1 and 4 of the DSU and Articles 4 and 30 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (SCM Agreement) with respect to certain alleged export subsidy measures from India. The request of the United States is set out in document WT/DS541/1.

Canada has a substantial trade interest in these proceedings which concern alleged prohibited export subsidies. India is an important trading partner for Canada. Merchandise goods imports from India have steadily increased between 2008 and 2017, from \$2.24 billion to \$4.16 billion, an 85.9% increase. The measures at issue in the consultations request cover a wide range of products and could impact the conditions of competition not only in Canada, but for Canadian like products in third-country markets.

As a result of this substantial trade interest, Canada respectfully requests that it be permitted to join the consultations in this dispute.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, with a request that it be circulated to Members.
