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**CHINA - MEASURES IMPOSING ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES ON
HIGH-PERFORMANCE STAINLESS STEEL SEAMLESS TUBES ("HP-SSST")
FROM JAPAN**

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from the European Union

The following communication, dated 15 January 2013, from the delegation of the European Union to the delegation of China, the delegation of Japan 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 Japan, 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 Japan in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 7 January 2013 (WT/DS454/1, G/L/1020, G/ADP/D96/1) entitled *China – Measures Imposing Anti-Dumping Duties on High-Performance Stainless Steel Seamless Tubes ("HP-SSST") from Japan*.

In 2010 the European Union exported approximately 35% of the People's Republic of China's total imports of the product concerned. As a result of the anti-dumping investigation object of these consultations, the People's Republic of China has also imposed anti-dumping measures on imports of certain high-performance stainless steel seamless tubes from the European Union in the range of 9.7 and 11.1%. The European Union has therefore a substantial trade interest in the present dispute and in the correct application of the *Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994*.

The European Union looks forward to being informed of the date and venue of the consultations.
