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Request to Join Consultations

Communication from India

The following communication, dated 28 May 2010, from the delegation of India to the delegation of the European Union, the delegation of Brazil and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

- 1. Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), India hereby notifies the European Union, Brazil and the Dispute Settlement Body that, in the light of the substantial trade interest of India, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by Brazil in a communication circulated to WTO members on 19 May (WT/DS409/1, G/L/922, IP/D/29) entitled "European Union and a Member State Seizure of Generic Drugs in Transit".
- 2. India is an exporter of generic medicines including to Brazil. Specifically, one of the drug seizures listed in India's consultation request affected a consignment of medicines bound for Brazil. In addition, India requested consultations with the European Union under the DSU on similar measures. India has, therefore, a substantial trade interest in the present dispute and in the correct application of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade as well as the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights.
- 3. India looks forward to being informed of the date and venue of the consultations.
