

**UNITED STATES – ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES ON IMPORTS OF
STAINLESS STEEL SHEET AND STRIP IN COILS FROM ITALY**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Japan

The following communication, dated 18 April 2011, from the delegation of Japan to the delegation of the United States, the delegation of the European Union and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

I wish to refer to the consultations requested by the European Union in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 6 April 2011 in document WT/DS424/1, G/L/955, G/ADP/D88/1 titled "*United States – Anti-Dumping Measures on Imports of Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils from Italy*". My authorities instruct me to hereby notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of the desire of Japan to be joined in these consultations pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of *the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*.

Japan has a substantial trade interest in these consultations because anti-dumping duties are also imposed by the United States on imports from Japan of the same products at issue in these consultations, i.e. stainless steel sheet and strip in coils. These consultations further appear to relate to the implementing measures taken by the United States to address the DSB's recommendations and rulings concerning the "zeroing" methodology in the dispute "*United States – Laws, Regulations and Methodology for Calculating Dumping Margins*" (DS294). Japan has challenged the same "zeroing" methodology maintained and applied by the United States in its anti-dumping proceedings in the dispute "*United States – Measures Relating to Zeroing and Sunset Reviews*" (DS322).
