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**INDIA – TARIFF TREATMENT ON CERTAIN GOODS IN THE INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY SECTOR**

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Japan

The following communication, dated 13 September 2019, from the delegation of Japan to the delegation of India, and the delegation of the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu, is circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

I wish to refer to the consultations requested by the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu pursuant to Article 1 and 4 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* ("DSU") and Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 ("GATT 1994") in the communication circulated to WTO Members on 9 September 2019, titled "*India – Tariff Treatment on Certain Goods in the Information and Communications Technology Sector*" (WT/DS588/1, G/L/1323). My authorities have instructed me to notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of the desire of Japan to be joined in the consultations, pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the DSU.

The subject matter of the consultations requested by the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu relates to India's tariff treatment on certain information and communication technology products. Japan exports to India some of the products at issue, including in particular cellular mobile phones and their parts. A number of Japanese companies which export the products at issue have continued to express their serious concerns about India's tariff treatment on those products.

For these reasons, Japan has a substantial trade interest in the consultations the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu requested, and wishes to be joined in the consultations.

Japan looks forward to receiving confirmation of acceptance of this request as well as being informed of the date and venue of the consultations.
