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**UNITED STATES – CERTAIN METHODOLOGIES AND THEIR APPLICATION  
TO ANTI-DUMPING PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING CHINA**

**REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS**

*Communication from Japan*

The following communication, dated 19 December 2013, from the delegation of Japan to the delegation of the United States, the delegation of China and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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I wish to refer to the consultations requested by the Government of the People's Republic of China pursuant to Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 ("GATT 1994"), and Article 17 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the GATT 1994 ("AD Agreement") in the communication circulated to WTO Members on 16 December 2013 (WT/DS471/1, G/L/1060, G/ADP/D100/1) titled "*United States - Certain Methodologies and Their Application to Anti-Dumping Proceedings Involving China*". My authorities have instructed me to 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. The issue of these consultations includes the inconsistency of application of the targeted dumping methodology using zeroing with the AD Agreement. This methodology, if used against imports from Japan, may substantially affect trade from Japan to the United States.

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