

**CHINA – CERTAIN MEASURES GRANTING REFUNDS, REDUCTIONS OR
EXEMPTIONS FROM TAXES AND OTHER PAYMENTS**

Request to Join Further Consultations

Communication from the United States

The following communication, dated 18 May 2007, from the delegation of the United States to the delegation of China, the delegation of Mexico and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

This concerns the request for consultations by Mexico on *China – Certain Measures Granting Refunds, Reductions or Exemptions from Taxes and Other Payments*, circulated on 9 May 2007 (WT/DS359/1/Add.1). My authorities have instructed me to notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of the desire of the United States to be joined in these consultations, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*. The United States has a substantial trade interest in these consultations. They concern certain measures of China granting refunds, reductions or exemptions from taxes or other payments otherwise due by enterprises in China, measures on which the United States has also requested consultations (WT/DS358/1 and WT/DS358/1/Add.1). These measures appear to offer import substitution and export subsidies across a broad range of manufacturing sectors affecting the conditions of competition facing U.S.-manufactured goods sold in U.S. and foreign markets.
