

**UNITED STATES – DEFINITIVE SAFEGUARD MEASURES
ON IMPORTS OF CERTAIN STEEL PRODUCTS**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from China

The following communication, dated 21 March 2002, from the Permanent Mission of China to the Permanent Mission of the United States, the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the Government of the People's Republic of China hereby notifies the Government of the United States that, in light of the substantial trade interest of China, it wishes to join the consultations requested by the European Communities in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 13 March 2002 (WT/DS248/1, G/L/527, G/SG/D20/1) titled "United States – Definitive Safeguard Measures on Imports of Certain Steel Products".

The People's Republic of China, as a major exporter of steel products to the United States, has a substantial trade interest in this consultation. China reserves all of its rights under the GATT 1994 and the DSU.

I would appreciate a reply to our request for consultation from your side before 26 March 2002.
