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## <u>INDIA - QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF</u> AGRICULTURAL, TEXTILE AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Australia

The following communication, dated 30 July 1997, from the Permanent Mission of Australia to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission, the Permanent Mission of India and to the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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Pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the Australian Government hereby notifies the Government of India that, in light of the substantial trade interest of Australia, it desires to be joined in the consultations under Article XXII:1 of GATT 1994 requested by the European Communities in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 24 July 1997 (WT/DS96/1), entitled "India - Quantitative Restrictions on Imports of Agricultural, Textile and Industrial Products".

Australia has a substantial trade interest in the products subject to the quantitative restrictions referred to in the request of the European Communities. Australia exported over \$A200 million of such products to India in 1996/97.