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INDONESIA – IMPORTATION OF HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTS, ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Australia

The following communication, dated 26 May 2014, from the delegation of Australia to the delegation of Indonesia, the delegation of New Zealand and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU), Australia notifies the Government of the Republic of Indonesia that, in light of the substantial trade interest of Australia, it desires to be joined in Indonesia's consultations with the New Zealand pursuant to the communication entitled *Indonesia – Importation of Horticultural Products, Animals and Animal Products* circulated to WTO Members on 15 May 2014 (WT/DS477/1).

Australia appreciated the opportunity to participate as a third party in the previous consultations (for DS466) held in Jakarta on 23 September 2013. Australia has substantial trade and commercial interests in this matter as a significant exporter of horticultural products, animals and animal products to Indonesia. In 2013, Indonesia was estimated to be Australia's third largest agricultural market, with exports totalling A\$2.7 billion. In that year, Australia was Indonesia's main source of live cattle (A\$361 million), its largest supplier of beef imports (A\$169 million) and its fourth largest supplier of horticultural products (A\$75 million).

Mindful of the rights and obligations of WTO Members under Article 4.11 of the DSU, Australia looks forward to receiving your reply, and advice of the date and venue of the consultations.