

**INDIA – IMPORT RESTRICTIONS MAINTAINED UNDER
THE EXPORT AND IMPORT POLICY 2002-2007**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from the United States

The following communication, dated 17 January 2003, from the Permanent Mission of the United States to the Permanent Mission of India, 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.

I am writing concerning the request for consultations by the European Communities (EC) on *India – Import Restrictions Maintained Under the Export and Import Policy 2002-2007*, circulated on 9 January 2003 (WT/DS279/1). 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*. As India's third largest supplier, the United States has a substantial trade interest in these consultations. A significant percentage of Indian imports of products covered by the EC's consultation request are from the United States. For example, there are 18 lines in the EC's list where the import values of Indian imports from the United States for each product are greater than \$1 million USD and the US market share is greater than 10 per cent. The HS Chapters represented in these 18 lines are: chemicals (29 and 34), electrical machinery (85) and aerospace/airplanes (88), respectively. Further, India's imports of movie film from the United States were about \$1 million, representing more than half of India's imports of these products from the world. The US further has exports to India of agricultural products included in the consultation request of over \$1 million USD.
