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UNITED STATES – CERTAIN MEASURES ON STEEL AND ALUMINIUM PRODUCTS

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from India

The following communication, dated 15 June 2018, from the delegation of India to the delegation of the United States, and the delegation of Mexico, is circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body 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), the Government of the Republic of India hereby notifies its desire to join the consultations requested by the Government of Mexico pursuant to Articles 1 and 4 of the DSU, Article XXII: 1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994), and Article 14 of the Agreement on Safeguards, with respect to certain measures by the United States to adjust imports of steel and aluminium, including but not limited to applying an additional *ad valorem* customs duty on imports of certain aluminium products and exempting certain selected Members of the World Trade Organization (WTO) from the measures. Mexico's request for consultations is set out in document (WT/DS551/1, G/L/1246, G/SG/D56/1) that was circulated to WTO Members on 7 June 2018.

India has a substantial trade interest in these consultations. India is a significant exporter of steel and aluminium products to the United States. In 2017, India was the 10th largest exporter of steel to the United States as per the data published by the US Department of Commerce, on 11 January 2018, in their report entitled *The Effect of Imports of Steel on the National Security, An Investigation Conducted Under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act, 1962, As Amended* (Figure 2, page 28 of the report). India's exports of aluminium to the United States are also significant as per the data published by the US Department of Commerce, on 11 January 2018, in their report entitled *The Effect of Imports of Aluminum On the National Security, An Investigation Conducted Under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act, 1962, As Amended* (Table 17, page 65 of the report).

As a result of this substantial trade interest, India respectfully requests that it be permitted to join the consultations in this dispute.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, with a request that it be circulated to Members.
