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RUSSIAN FEDERATION – RECYCLING FEE ON MOTOR VEHICLES

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from the European Union

The following communication, dated 29 July 2013, from the delegation of the European Union to the delegation of the Russian Federation, the delegation of Japan 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), the European Union hereby notifies the Government of the Russian Federation, the Government of Japan, and the Dispute Settlement Body that, in the light of the substantial trade interest of the European Union, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by Japan in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 26 July 2013 (WT/DS463/1, G/L/1034, G/TRIMS/D/38, G/TBT/D/45), entitled "*Russian Federation – Recycling Fee on Motor Vehicles*".

The EU is a major exporter of vehicles subject to the measures referred to in the above request for consultations. Between September 2012 and April 2013, the value of EU exports to the Russian Federation of such vehicles exceeded 6 billion euros. EU exports account for approximately 40 per cent by value of Russian imports of such vehicles. The European Union has therefore a substantial trade interest in the consultations.
