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**UNITED STATES – SAFEGUARD MEASURE ON IMPORTS OF CRYSTALLINE
SILICON PHOTOVOLTAIC PRODUCTS**

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Thailand

The following communication, dated 25 May 2018, from the delegation of Thailand to the delegation of the United States, and the delegation of Republic of Korea, is circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

My authorities have instructed me to notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of Thailand's desire, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, to be joined in the consultations requested by the Republic of Korea in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 16 May 2018, in document WT/DS545/1 entitled *United States – Safeguard Measure on Imports of Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Products* and in document WT/DS546/1 entitled *United States – Safeguard Measure on Imports of Large Residential Washers*.

Thailand has a substantial trade interest in these consultations. The United States is Thailand's largest export market for crystalline silicon photovoltaic products and large residential washers. In 2017, the United States imported US\$ 438.33 million of crystalline silicon photovoltaic products and US\$ 515.77 million of large residential washers from Thailand. The measures at issue identified in the request for consultations may substantially affect Thailand's sales and exports of these products. As a result of this substantial trade interest, Thailand requests that it be permitted to join the consultations in these disputes.

Thailand looks forward to acceptance of this request and advice regarding the date and venue of the consultations.
