

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - SAFEGUARD MEASURES ON IMPORTS OF
POLYPROPYLENE BAGS AND TUBULAR FABRIC**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Costa Rica

The following communication, dated 26 October 2010, from the delegation of Costa Rica to the delegation of the Dominican Republic, the delegations of Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

In accordance with Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), Costa Rica hereby notifies its wish to be joined in the consultations requested by the Governments of Guatemala (DS416)¹, Honduras (DS417)² and El Salvador (DS418)³ pursuant to Article 4 of the DSU, Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 and Article 14 of the Agreement on Safeguards. The consultations were requested by means of the corresponding communications circulated to WTO Members on 21 October 2010 under the title *Dominican Republic - Safeguard Measures on Imports of Polypropylene Bags and Tubular Fabric*.

As you know, Costa Rica has submitted a request for consultations parallel to the ones submitted by Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador, since its exports of polypropylene bags and tubular fabric are being made subject to the safeguard measure in question. Costa Rica therefore considers that its substantial trade interest in being joined in these consultations is duly substantiated.

Accordingly, Costa Rica requests the Dominican Republic to accept the claim of its substantial trade interest and the request to join the consultations.

¹ Document WT/DS416/1, G/L/931, G/SG/D38/1.

² Document WT/DS417/1, G/L/932, G/SG/D39/1.

³ Document WT/DS418/1, G/L/933, G/SG/D40/1.