

**CHINA - MEASURES RELATED TO THE EXPORTATION OF
RARE EARTHS, TUNGSTEN AND MOLYBDENUM**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from the European Union

The following communication, dated 22 March 2012, from the delegation of the European Union to the delegation of China, 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 China, 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 15 March 2012 (WT/DS433/1, G/L/984) entitled *China – Measures Related to the Exportation of Rare Earths, Tungsten and Molybdenum*.

A substantial number of raw materials used by industry in the European Union, including the three raw materials at issue, are imported from the People's Republic of China, and on 13 March 2012, the European Union also requested consultations under the DSU on the same measures. The European Union has therefore a substantial trade interest in the present dispute and in the correct application of the *General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade* as well as the *Protocol for the Accession of China* and the *Report of the Working Party on the Accession of China* as applicable.

The European Union looks forward to being informed of the date and venue of the consultations.
