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UKRAINE – DEFINITIVE SAFEGUARD MEASURES ON CERTAIN PASSENGER CARS

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from the Russian Federation

The following communication, dated 14 November 2013, from the delegation of the Russian Federation to the delegation of Ukraine, the delegation of Japan and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

I wish to refer to the consultations requested by Japan pursuant to Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes ("DSU"), Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (the "GATT 1994") and Article 14 of the Agreement on Safeguards in the communication circulated to WTO Members on 4 November 2013 (WT/DS468/1, G/L/1055, G/SG/D46/1), titled *Ukraine – Definitive Safeguard Measures on Certain Passenger Cars*.

My authorities have instructed me to notify consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of the desire of the Russian Federation to be joined in these consultations, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the DSU.

In 2012 Russia's exports to Ukraine of passenger cars falling into the scope of the definitive safeguard measures imposed by Ukraine were valued at around \$300 million and accounted for approximately thirty percent by value of total Russia's exports of such passenger vehicles. Furthermore, during that period exports to Ukraine of passenger cars with cylinder capacity of 1000 to 1500 cm³ accounted for over three-fourth of total Russia's exports of passenger cars of this type.

The Russian Federation has a substantial trade interest in these consultations.
