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INDIA – MEASURES CONCERNING SUGAR AND SUGARCANE

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Australia

The following communication, dated 13 March 2019, from the delegation of Australia to the delegation of India, and the delegation of Brazil, is circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body 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), Australia notifies the Government of India, the Government of Brazil, and the Dispute Settlement Body that, in light of the substantial trade interest of Australia, it desires to be joined in India's consultations with Brazil pursuant to the communication entitled *India - Measures Concerning Sugar and Sugarcane* circulated to WTO Members on 5 March 2019 (WT/DS579/1).

As a significant exporter of sugar, Australia has substantial trade and commercial interests in this matter. Australia is the world's third largest exporter of sugar, exporting 3.7 million tonnes annually. Sugar is Australia's second largest export crop, generating approximately \$A2 billion in export revenue per year.

As you are aware, Australia has sought its own consultations with India on matters included within the scope of Brazil's request for consultations.

Mindful of the rights and obligations of WTO Members under Article 4.11 of the DSU, Australia looks forward to receiving your reply.
