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Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Turkey

The following communication, dated 2 February 2009, from the delegation of Turkey to the delegation of China, the delegation of Guatemala and to the Chairman 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) Turkey hereby notifies the Government of the People's Republic of China ("China"), the Government of Guatemala, and the Dispute Settlement Body that it desires to be joined in the further consultations requested by Mexico in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 22 January 2009 (WT/DS390/1, G/L/882, G/SCM/D83/1, G/AG/GEN/82) entitled "China – Grants, Loans and Other Incentives", in light of the substantial trade interest of Turkey since China is a major trading partner of Turkey.

Turkey has a substantial trade interest in the matters under consideration. In this respect, Turkey desires to closely monitor consultations and take part in this process.

Turkey looks forward to being informed of the date and venue of the further consultations.