

**CHINA – MEASURES AFFECTING IMPORTS OF AUTOMOBILE PARTS**

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from the European Communities*

The following communication, dated 11 April 2006, from the delegation of the European Communities to the delegation of China, the delegation of the United States and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU), the European Communities hereby notifies the Governments of the United States, of the People's Republic of China and the Dispute Settlement Body that, in the light of the substantial trade interest of the European Communities, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by the United States in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 3 April 2006 (WT/DS340/1, G/L/771, G/TRIMS/D/23, G/SCM/D68/1) entitled *China – Measures Affecting Imports of Automobile Parts*.

A substantial amount of automobile parts from the European Communities is exported to the People's Republic of China, and on 31 March 2006, the European Communities also requested consultations under DSU on the same measure. The European Communities has therefore a substantial trade interest in the present dispute and in the correct application of the *GATT*, the *TRIMs Agreement* and the *Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures*.

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