

**UNITED STATES – DEFINITIVE SAFEGUARD MEASURES
ON IMPORTS OF CERTAIN STEEL PRODUCTS**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Japan

The following communication, dated 15 April 2002, from the Permanent Mission of Japan to the Permanent Mission of the United States, the Permanent Mission of Switzerland and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the Government of Japan hereby notifies the Government of the United States that, in light of the substantial trade interest of Japan, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by Switzerland in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 8 April 2002 (WT/DS253/1, G/L/533, G/SG/D24/1) titled "United States – Definitive Safeguard Measures on Imports of Certain Steel Products".

As a major exporter of steel products to the United States, Japan has a substantial trade interest in this case.
