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**CHINA – CERTAIN MEASURES CONCERNING THE PROTECTION  
OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

**REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS**

*Communication from Saudi Arabia*

The following communication, dated 5 April 2018, from the delegation of Saudi Arabia to the delegation of China, the delegation of the United States and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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Regarding the consultations has been requested by the United States pursuant to Article 1 and 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes ("DSU"), Article 64 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights ("TRIPS Agreement") and Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 ("GATT 1994") in the communication circulated to WTO Members on 26 March 2018 titled "China - Certain Measures Concerning the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights" (WT/DS542/1, IP/D/38). I was instructed by my authority in the capital to notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of the desire of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to be joined in these consultations, pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the DSU.

Saudi Arabia is one of the major import of technology from China and has substantial trade interests in the consultations.

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