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**INDONESIA – IMPORTATION OF HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTS,
ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS**

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from the European Union

The following communication, dated 24 January 2013, from the delegation of the European Union to the delegation of Indonesia, 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.

Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU), the European Union hereby notifies the Government of the United States of America, the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, and the Dispute Settlement Body that, in the light of the substantial trade interest of the European Union, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by the United States in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 14 January 2013 (WT/DS455/1, G/L/1022, G/AG/GEN/108, G/LIC/D/44) entitled *Indonesia – Importation of Horticultural Products, Animals and Animal Products*.

The European Union is a major exporter of agricultural products (including horticultural products) and maintains important trade relations with Indonesia. In 2011, the European Union exported agricultural goods valuing approximately €500m to Indonesia. In 2012, the European Union's exports of horticultural products and meat to Indonesia have been negatively affected. The recently adopted Indonesian import licensing requirements may have a substantial impact on future trade flows between the European Union and Indonesia. Accordingly, the European Union has a substantial trade interest in this dispute.

The European Union looks forward to being informed of the date and venue of the consultations.
