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## UNITED STATES – CERTAIN MEASURES RELATED TO RENEWABLE ENERGY

### REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

#### *Communication from the European Union*

The following communication, dated 24 August 2018, from the delegation of the European Union to the delegation of the United States, and the delegation of China, is circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body 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, the European Union (the EU) hereby notifies the Government of United States, the Government of the People's Republic of China, and the Dispute Settlement Body that, in the light of its substantial trade interest, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by the People's Republic of China in a communication circulated to the WTO Members on 16 August 2018 (WT/DS563/1, G/L/1258, G/TRIMS/D/43, G/SCM/D120/1), entitled "United States – Certain Measures Related to Renewable Energy".

The EU notes that the request for consultations relates to certain measures adopted and maintained by the governments of certain U.S. states and municipalities in relation to subsidies and/or domestic content requirements in the energy sector.

The EU is a major producer and exporter of renewable energy products and technologies. By way of illustration, in the case of trade of wind technology the North American market is the main market for EU exports. In addition, with regard to solar products, the EU is a major producer and exporter of crystalline silicon photovoltaic products to the United States, which make up only a subset of the allegedly subsidised product sectors, with imports into the United States of around USD220 million per year based on the average of the period 2014-2016. Therefore, the EU has a substantial trade interest in these consultations.

The European Union looks forward to hearing a response to this request.

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