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## RUSSIAN FEDERATION – RECYCLING FEE ON MOTOR VEHICLES

### REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

#### *Communication from Japan*

The following communication, dated 19 July 2013, from the delegation of Japan to the delegation of the Russian Federation, the delegation of the European Union and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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I wish to refer to the consultations requested by the European Union pursuant to Articles 1 and 4 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* ("DSU"), Article XXII of the *General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994* ("GATT 1994"), and Article 8 of the *Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures* (the TRIMs Agreement) in the communication circulated to WTO Members on 11 July 2013 (WT/DS462/1, G/L/1033, G/TRIMS/D/37) titled "*Russian Federation – Recycling Fee on Motor Vehicles*". My authorities have instructed me to notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of the desire of Japan to be joined in these consultations, pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the DSU.

As these consultations concern the certain measures imposed by the Russian Federation on motor vehicles, Japan has a substantial trade interest in the consultations as a major exporter of motor vehicles to the Russian Federation.

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