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UNITED STATES – CERTAIN MEASURES ON STEEL AND ALUMINIUM PRODUCTS

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Mexico

The following communication, dated 9 July 2018, from the delegation of Mexico to the delegation of the United States, and the delegation of the Russian Federation, is circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

I have been instructed by my authorities to inform you that Mexico has a substantial trade interest in the request for consultations by the Russian Federation in *United States – Certain Measures on Steel and Aluminium Products* (DS554).¹

Mexico has a systemic interest in participating in the consultations, in view of their very purpose, the covered agreements involved, and also because it is one of the main exporters of such products to the United States.

In 2017, Mexico exported to the United States steel products subject to the measure with a total value of US\$2,509.3 million and aluminium products with a total value of US\$262.2 million, and Mexico is one of the ten main exporters to the United States of products in both sectors. For the above reasons, the measures at issue complained of by the Russian Federation also apply to certain imports of steel and aluminium products from Mexico.

Accordingly, Mexico hereby notifies its wish to be joined in the above-mentioned consultations, owing to its substantial trade interest therein, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*.

I therefore look forward to receiving confirmation of acceptance of this request, as well as advice regarding the date and venue for these consultations.

¹ Document WT/DS554/1, published on 2 July 2018.