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UNITED STATES – CERTAIN MEASURES ON STEEL AND ALUMINIUM PRODUCTS

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Norway

The following communication, dated 10 July 2018, from the delegation of Norway 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.

Pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the Government of Norway hereby notifies the Government of the United States, the Government of the Russian Federation, and the Dispute Settlement Body that, in light of the substantial trade interest of Norway, it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by Russia in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 2 July 2018 (WT/DS554/1, G/SG/D58/1) entitled "United States – Certain Measures on Steel and Aluminium Products".

Norway notes that the request for consultations relates to measures applied by the United States since 23 March 2018 on certain imports of steel and aluminium products from all states of the world, except a number of WTO Members. Norway is among the WTO Members directly affected by these measures. In 2017, Norwegian exports of steel and aluminium were valued at NOK 16 billion and NOK 33 billion respectively. Norway exported steel and aluminium products to the United States in 2017 of a total value of approx. NOK 90 million. Therefore, Norway has a substantial trade interest in these consultations.

Norway looks forward to receiving the United States' reply to this request.
