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RUSSIAN FEDERATION – RECYCLING FEE ON MOTOR VEHICLES

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from China

The following communication, dated 31 July 2013, from the delegation of China to the delegation of the Russian Federation, the delegation of Japan and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

I wish to refer to the consultations requested by Japan pursuant to Articles 1 and 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes ("DSU"), Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 ("GATT 1994"), and Article 8 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures ("TRIMs Agreement") in the communication circulated to WTO Members on 26 July 2013 (WT/DS463/1, G/L/1034, G/TRIMS/D/38, G/TBT/D/45), titled *Russian Federation — Recycling Fee on Motor Vehicles*. My authorities have instructed me to notify the consulting Member and the Dispute Settlement Body of the desire of China to be joined in the consultation, pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the DSU.

China is a major automobiles and auto parts exporter worldwide, with more than 48 billion US dollars' worth of exports in 2012. It has therefore a substantial trade interest in this dispute.
