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## CHINA – MEASURES CONCERNING THE IMPORTATION OF CANOLA SEED FROM CANADA

### REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

#### *Communication from the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu*

The following communication, dated 19 September 2019, from the delegation of the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu to the delegation of China, and the delegation of Canada, is circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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I would like to refer to the consultations requested by Canada in the communication circulated to WTO Members on 12 September 2019 (WT/DS589/1, G/L/1324, G/SPS/GEN/1727, G/TFA/D2/1) titled *CHINA– MEASURES CONCERNING THE IMPORTATION OF CANOLA SEED FROM CANADA*.

Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu hereby notifies the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of its desire to be joined in these consultations.

The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu has a substantial trade interest in canola seed and a systemic interest in the interpretation of the provisions of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994, the provisions of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, and the provisions of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation with respect to the measures in question related to the enhanced inspections of canola seed.

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

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