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**PANAMA - MEASURES CONCERNING THE IMPORTATION  
OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS FROM COSTA RICA**

**REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS**

*Communication from the Republic of Nicaragua*

The following communication, dated 19 January 2021 from the delegation of Nicaragua to the delegations of Panama and Costa Rica, is circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, the Government of the Republic of Nicaragua hereby notifies the Government of the Republic of Panama, the Government of the Republic of Costa Rica and the Dispute Settlement Body that Nicaragua wishes to be joined in the consultations requested by Costa Rica in the document circulated to WTO Members on 14 January 2021 (WT/DS599/1, G/AG/GEN/179, G/SPS/GEN/1873, G/L/1383) entitled "*Panama -Measures concerning the importation of certain products from Costa Rica*".

Nicaragua's request is based on its substantial trade interest as an exporter of beef to Panama, among other countries, as well as its systemic interest in the correct application of the GATT 1994, the Agreement on Agriculture and the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, with the request that it be circulated to the Members.

Nicaragua respectfully requests that its substantial trade interests be recognized in these consultations.

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