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**CANADA – MEASURES GOVERNING THE SALE OF WINE IN GROCERY
STORES (SECOND COMPLAINT)**

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from New Zealand

The following communication, dated 11 October 2017, from the delegation of New Zealand to the delegation of Canada, the delegation of the United States and to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

This concerns the request for consultations by the United States in *Canada – Measures Governing the Sale of Wine in Grocery Stores (Second Complaint)*, circulated to Members on 2 October 2017 (WT/DS531/1). My authorities have instructed me to notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of New Zealand's desire to be joined in these consultations pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*.

New Zealand has a substantial trade interest in these consultations as New Zealand is an exporter of wine to Canada. Canada is our fourth largest export market for wine and our exports are also subject to the laws and regulations cited by the United States in its consultations request.

New Zealand looks forward to confirmation of receipt and acceptance of this request to join the consultations and advice regarding the timing and venue for the consultations.
