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

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Argentina

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

Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the Government of the Argentine Republic hereby notifies the Government of Canada, the Government of the United States and the Dispute Settlement Body that, in light of its substantial trade interest, it wishes to join the consultations with Canada that were requested by the United States in its communication of 2 October 2017 in *Canada – Measures Governing the Sale of Wine in Grocery Stores (Second Complaint)* (WT/DS531/1).

In this respect, Argentina wishes to recall that on 2 February 2017 it requested to join the consultations concerning the first complaint, in DS520 *Canada – Measures Governing the Sale of Wine in Grocery Stores*, and that it participated in these consultations through the presence of officials from its capital. The reasons for the present request are the same as those on the first occasion and are reiterated below.

As an exporting Member of wines and related products, Argentina has a substantial trade interest in this dispute. Canada was the second and third largest export market for Argentine wines (in terms of both f.o.b. value and hectolitres) in 2014 and 2015 respectively. The Canadian measures that are to be the subject of consultations are directly related to the marketing of wine of foreign origin, including Argentine wine. Argentina is also concerned about the possible systemic implications of such measures for international trade in agricultural products.

In view of the above, and mindful of the rights and obligations of WTO Members under Article 4.11 of the DSU, Argentina looks forward to receiving your reply, together with details regarding the date of the consultations and the way in which they will be conducted.
