



**UNITED STATES – CERTAIN MEASURES CONCERNING PANGASIOUS
SEAFOOD PRODUCTS FROM VIET NAM**

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from China

The following communication, dated 8 March 2018, from the delegation of China to the delegation of the United States, the delegation of Viet Nam 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 Viet Nam on *United States – Certain Measures Concerning Pangasius Seafood Products from Viet Nam* (WT/DS540/1), circulated on 27 February 2018. My authorities have instructed me to notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of the desire of China to be joined in these consultations, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*.

A substantial portion of China's Pangasius seafood product is exported to the United States' market. China has a substantial trade interest in these consultations. They concern certain sanitary and phytosanitary measures imposed by the United States related to the importation of Pangasius seafood product. These measures restrain China's exports of the named seafood product, and they affect the conditions of competition for China-produced product sold in the United States' market.

China looks forward to receiving your reply and advice of the date and venue of the consultations.
