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**UNITED STATES – SAFEGUARD MEASURE ON IMPORTS OF  
CRYSTALLINE SILICON PHOTOVOLTAIC PRODUCTS**

**NOTIFICATION OF AN APPEAL BY CHINA UNDER ARTICLE 16  
OF THE UNDERSTANDING ON RULES AND PROCEDURES  
GOVERNING THE SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES ("DSU")**

The following communication, dated 16 September 2021, addressed to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body is being circulated to Members at the request of the delegation of China.

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Pursuant to Article 16 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), China hereby notifies the Dispute Settlement Body of its decision to appeal to the Appellate Body certain issues of law covered in the Report of the Panel in *United States – Safeguard Measure on Imports of Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Products* (WT/DS562/R and WT/DS562/R/Add.1) and legal interpretations developed by the Panel.

China regrets that currently no division of the Appellate Body can be established to hear this appeal in accordance with Article 17.1 of the DSU. In this exceptional circumstance, and in the interests of fairness and orderly procedure in the conduct of the appeal, China will await further instructions from the division, when it may eventually be composed, or the Appellate Body, regarding any further steps to be taken by China in this appeal.

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