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UNITED STATES - MEASURES ON CERTAIN SEMICONDUCTOR AND OTHER PRODUCTS, AND RELATED SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGIES

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from the Russian Federation

The following communication, dated 21 December 2022, from the delegation of the Russian Federation to the delegation of the United States, and the delegation of China, is circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

I wish to refer to the consultations requested by China pursuant to Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994), Article XXII of the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS), Article 8 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures (TRIMS Agreement), and Article 64.1 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement) in the communication circulated to the WTO Members on 15 December 2022 (WT/DS615/1, G/L/1471, S/L/438, G/TRIMS/D/46, IP/D/44).My authorities have instructed me to notify the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of the desire of the Russian Federation to join these consultations, pursuant to Article 4.11 of the DSU.

The Russian Federation has a substantial trade interest in these consultations. They concern certain measures of the United States related to export controls, *inter alia*, under Export Administration Regulations that have an impact on the exportation of certain products, including non-US made products, to the Russian Federation. In particular, the United States has adopted and maintained measures related to trade with Russia, similar to those under consideration in this dispute. Thus, the Russian Federation is directly affected by the measures at issue, as identified in the abovementioned communication.

Based on the foregoing, the Russian Federation respectfully requests that it be permitted to join the consultations in this dispute and would be grateful of being informed of the date and venue for these consultations.