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

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE UNITED STATES**

The following communication, dated 9 February 2023, was received from the delegation of the United States with the request that it be circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB).

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The United States is in receipt of a letter from the Russian Federation, dated December 21, 2022, requesting to join in the consultations requested by China as circulated in document WT/DS615/1. In light of Russia's premeditated and unprovoked invasion of Ukraine, the United States does not intend to engage in business-as-usual activity with the delegation of the Russian Federation, including direct engagement on this matter. Furthermore, the United States does not consider Russia's claim of substantial interest to be well-founded.

Thus, without prejudice to WTO rules that issues of national security are not susceptible to review or capable of resolution by WTO dispute settlement,<sup>1</sup> the United States does not accept Russia's request to join the consultations.

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<sup>1</sup> See Article XXI of the *General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994*; Article XIV bis of the *General Agreement on Trade in Services*; and Article 73 of the *Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights*.