

**UNITED STATES - MEASURES AFFECTING TEXTILES  
AND APPAREL PRODUCTS (II)**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Pakistan

The following communication, dated 4 December 1998, from the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the Permanent Mission of the United States, the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

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Pursuant to the procedure laid down in Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), Pakistan wishes to be joined in the consultations requested by the European Communities under, *inter alia*, Article 4.4 of the DSU and Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (circulated in document WT/DS151/1 dated 25 November 1998) regarding changes by the United States of America to its rules of origin for textile and apparel products.

Pakistan considers that being a major textiles exporting country, it has a substantial trade interest in the consultations requested by the European Communities. Our interest in these consultations also derives from the possible implications that the matter has for Pakistan's textiles exports.

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