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Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Thailand

The following communication, dated 15 February 2010, from the delegation of Thailand to the delegation of the United States, the delegation of Viet Nam and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Pursuant to paragraph 11 of Article 4 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*, Thailand hereby notifies the consulting parties and the Dispute Settlement Body of its desire to be joined in the consultations requested by Viet Nam in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 4 February 2010 (WT/DS404/1).

As a significant global exporter of shrimp whose exports to the United States are subject to similar measures as those at issue in WT/DS404/1, Thailand has both a substantial trade and systemic interest in the subject of Viet Nam's consultations request. Hence, Thailand requests to be joined in the consultations requested by Viet Nam in this matter.

I look forward to receiving confirmation of receipt and acceptance of this request, and advice regarding the timing and venue for these consultations.