

**UNITED STATES – DEFINITIVE SAFEGUARD MEASURES
ON IMPORTS OF CERTAIN STEEL PRODUCTS**

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Mexico

The following communication, dated 5 April 2002, from the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the Permanent Mission of the United States, the Permanent Mission of Japan and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.11 of the DSU.

Pursuant to Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), I have the honour to inform you that Mexico wishes to be joined in the consultations requested by Japan in document WT/DS249/1 (*United States – Definitive Safeguard Measures on Imports of Certain Steel Products*), circulated on 26 March 2002. In the light of various arguments submitted by Japan, Mexico considers that it has a substantial trade interest in this matter.
