

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

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Korea*

The following communication, dated 14 March 2002, from the Permanent Mission of Korea 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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I refer to the "Request for Consultations by the European Communities" with respect to "United States – Definitive Safeguard Measures on Imports of Certain Steel Products" (WT/DS248/1, G/L/527, G/SG/D20/1) which has been circulated on 13 March 2002.

Pursuant to the procedures laid down in Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), Korea wishes to be joined in the consultations requested by the European Communities under Article 4 of the DSU and Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (the GATT) regarding the United States' definitive safeguard measures on certain steel products effective as of 20 March 2002.

The Republic of Korea considers that given the importance of trade in steel products for the economy of the Republic of Korea, it has a substantial trade interest in the consultation requested by the European Communities.

The Republic of Korea would be grateful of being informed of the date and venue of the consultations.

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