

CHINA – VALUE-ADDED TAX ON INTEGRATED CIRCUITS

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Japan

The following communication, dated 31 March 2004, from the delegation of Japan to the delegation of China, the delegation of the United States and to the Chairperson 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 (DSU), the Government of Japan hereby notifies the Government of the People's Republic of China that it desires to be joined in the consultations requested by the Government of the United States in a communication circulated to WTO Members on 23 March 2004 (WT/DS309/1, G/L/675, S/L/160), titled "*China – Value-Added Tax on Integrated Circuits*", in light of the substantial trade interest of Japan as one of the major beneficiaries of the multilateral trading system under the WTO, as well as being a major exporter of integrated circuits to China.
