

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

Request to Join Consultations

Communication from Hong Kong, China

The following communication, dated 4 December 1998, from the Hong Kong, China Economic and Trade Office to the Permanent Mission of 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.

Pursuant to the procedures laid down in Article 4.11 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, Hong Kong, China wishes to be joined in the consultations requested by the European Communities under, *inter alia*, Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 as circulated under WTO document reference WT/DS151/1 dated 25 November 1998, regarding the changes by the United States of America to their rules of origin for textiles and apparel products, which changes entered into force on 1 July 1996.

Hong Kong, China considers that it has a substantial trade interest in the consultations requested by the European Communities.
