



**EUROPEAN UNION – CERTAIN MEASURES CONCERNING
PALM OIL AND OIL PALM CROP-BASED BIOFUELS**

REQUEST TO JOIN CONSULTATIONS

Communication from Costa Rica

The following communication, dated 19 December 2019, from the delegation of Costa Rica to the delegation of the European Union, and the delegation of Indonesia, is circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body 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*, the Government of Costa Rica notifies the consulting Members and the Dispute Settlement Body of its desire to be joined in the consultations requested by the Government of Indonesia, in European Union – Certain Measures Concerning Palm Oil and Oil Palm Crop-Based Biofuels (DS593). This request for consultations was circulated to WTO Members on 16 December 2019 (WT/DS593/1).

Costa Rica has a substantial trade interest in these consultations as our country is a producer and exporter of palm oil. The production of palm oil exceeded 250 thousand metric tons in 2018, of which nearly 85% is exported. In monetary terms, Costa Rica's exports of palm oil represented more than USD135 million.

The Government of Costa Rica looks forward to your reply.
