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## Statement by China at the DSB Meeting

8 January 2020

### 1. MOROCCO – ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES ON CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED STEEL FROM TURKEY

#### A. ADOPTION OF THE PANEL REPORT AND APPELLATE BODY REPORT (WT/DS513)

Thank you, Chair.

China takes note of Morocco's decision to withdraw its appeal in the matter, taking into account the heavy workload of the Appellate Body. China agrees that the appellant is entitled to withdraw its appeal according to Rule 30(1) of the Working Procedures for Appellate Review. More importantly, the withdrawal of the appeal in this dispute once again reminds us the importance of the immediate launch of the Appellate Body's selection process and the restoring of its functioning.

There will be 10 out of the 14 existing appealed disputes of which the Appellate Review could not be completed, and Members are still bringing more disputes to the dispute settlement system. While the dispute settlement system is still operating at such a high level, the loss of the functioning Appellate Body would inevitably undermine the stability and predictability of the current system which should be the grave concerns of the whole Membership.

The Appellate Body is an indispensable component of the single undertaking agreed by all Members out of the Uruguay Round. No Member has the right to unilaterally change that undertaking by stop the functioning of the Appellate Body. Article 17.2 of the DSU is crystal clear that "*vacancies shall be filled as they arise.*" We therefore urge the United States work with other Members constructively by reaching a concrete solution to the current deadlock expeditiously.

Thank you.