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ON STAINLESS STEEL PLATE FROM SWEDEN

Request by Sweden for the Establishment
of a Panel under Article 15:5 of the Agreement

The following communication, dated 15 April 1992, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Sweden.

The Government of Sweden has instructed me to request the Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices to establish, at its regular meeting on 27 April 1992, a panel pursuant to Article 15:5 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI (hereafter referred to as "the Agreement") in order to examine the dispute referred by Sweden to the Committee in document ADP/67 - United States' anti-dumping duty on imports of stainless steel plate from Sweden.

I should like to request that this matter be included as a separate item on the agenda for the April meeting.

Background:

On 9 July 1992, Sweden and the United States held bilateral consultations under Article 15:2 of the Agreement regarding the imposition of anti-dumping duties by the United States on imports of stainless steel plate from Sweden. When these consultations failed to lead to a mutually satisfactory solution, Sweden referred the matter to the Committee at its regular meeting on 21 October 1991 for conciliation under Article 15:3 of the Agreement.

Since no mutually satisfactory solution could be reached after examination by the Committee, and since the optional three month period as stipulated in Article 15:5 has elapsed without any initiative from the United States to solve the dispute as requested, Sweden can only conclude that the conciliation has proved unsuccessful and that in our view benefits accruing to Sweden under the Agreement have been nullified or impaired.

Sweden therefore requests a decision by the Committee at its meeting of 27 April 1992 to establish a panel under Article 15:5 of the Agreement.

Sweden's reasons for requesting a panel are set out in greater detail in document ADP/67 of 15 October 1991.