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## EXPORT PRICE OF STEEL FROM THE EUROPEAN COAL AND STEEL COMMUNITY

Letter, dated 1 February 1955, to the  
Chairman of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, from  
Mr. Anzilotti, Leader of the Italian Delegation,  
representing the ECSC member States  
attending the Ninth Session

"Mr. Chairman,

"With reference to the verbal statements made yesterday afternoon, I beg to transmit to you the following copy of a verbal note addressed on 28 January 1955 by the High Authority to the Permanent Delegation of Denmark in Luxemburg.

'The High Authority presents its compliments to the Permanent Delegation of Denmark and has the honour to bring the following to the Delegation's notice.

'During a meeting held in Paris on 15 January between the Ministerial Committee of the Council of Europe and the High Authority, H.E. Mr. Krag made a statement from which it appears that there are considerable differences between the information in the possession of the Danish Government and that of the High Authority, relating to the prices for steel charged by Community exporters. The High Authority's representative proposed that conversations on the subject should take place in Luxemburg between the High Authority and Danish experts and H.E. Mr. Krag seemed to approve of that idea.

'The High Authority begs hereby to renew its proposal and suggests that a Danish delegation should visit Luxemburg in the near future in order to examine the relevant statistics with the High Authority and carry out a detailed enquiry into the prices charged by Community exporters to the Danish market.

'In order that this enquiry may have useful results, it would be desirable that its scope should not be limited to a comparison of general data, but that definite cases should be cited of contracts concluded between Danish firms and Community exporters at prices seemingly inequitable to the Danish Government.

'The High Authority considers that an enquiry of this sort, the first of its kind and one which would be pursued in the widest spirit of co-operation, would surely give good results and would provide the best safeguard for Danish interests.

'The High Authority is prepared to take a liberal view of all factors affecting the Community's steel export prices which might possibly justify action on its part.

'The High Authority sincerely hopes that the Danish Government will accept its proposal which might provide a practical way of achieving satisfactory results.'

"I bring the above communication to your notice as the representative of the ECSC member States attending the Ninth Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, in accordance with the wish expressed by the Secretary-General of the ECSC Ministerial Council and in agreement with the High Authority and the Chairman of the Committee on Questions of Trade Policy.

"Accept, Mr. Chairman, the assurances of my highest consideration."