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Specialty Steel

Communication from the United States

Addendum

The following communication, dated 27 January 1984, has been received from the delegation of the United States.

The United States wishes to call attention to the communication of the European Communities (document L/5524/Add.15), in which they notify their intention to suspend concessions, in the form of tariff increases and import quotas, on imports of certain products from the United States. The EC stated that this action is in response to safeguard measures taken by the United States on certain specialty steel products (document L/5524). The EC has invoked the authority of Article XIX:3(a), which permits the suspension of substantially equivalent concessions or other obligations. Under Article XIX:3(a), the CONTRACTING PARTIES may disapprove of such suspension.

The United States believes that the action proposed by the EC exceeds that permitted under Article XIX:3. Accordingly, the United States requests that this matter be considered at the meeting of the Council scheduled for 7 February 1984.