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US READY TO SEEK AGREED SOLUTION ON EC REQUESTS ON SPECIAL STEELS

A European Communities' delegation led by Horst KRENZLER of the EC Commission, met in Geneva on 7th September with a US delegation led by Ambassador Peter MURPHY, for GATT Article XIX consultations on recent United States' restrictions on imports of special steel. This meeting was a follow up to the first consultations on 28 July. The talks took place in a cooperative and constructive atmosphere and progress was made.

The US stated their readiness to comply fully with GATT rules which inter alia allow for compensation to the extent that US measures have an adverse impact on EC exports. The US Administration is carrying out a detailed analysis of the impact of the measures in response to Community claims of substantial export losses. The US undertook to complete this analysis as soon as possible so that further progress can be made in consultations. They will also pursue their analysis of the Community's specific requests for exemption of certain products from the restrictions as well as for compensation.

The US delegation underlined its commitment to finding a mutually satisfactory solution to the problem.

It is expected that a further round of consultations will take place early in October.