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BRUXELLES, LE 20 SEPTEMBRE 1982.

NOTE BIO (82) 386 (SUITE 1) AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX  
CC. AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE DU PORTE-PAROLE

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CONSEIL AFFAIRES ETRANGERES  
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EEC-STEEL EXPORTS TO THE USA (SPECIAL ATTENTION WASHINGTON AND  
NEW YORK) (W.HELIN)

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AFTER HIS TALKS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AMERICAN  
ADMINISTRATION OVER LAST WEEK-END, VICE-PRESIDENT DAVIGNON  
INFORMED THE COUNCIL ON MONDAY MORNING ON THE PRESENT SITUATION  
OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE US REGARDING STEEL EXPORTS.

EVEN THOUGH IT IS NOT A NOVELTY, THE COUNCIL HAS HEARD  
ABOUT THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON THE WASHINGTON SCENE I.E. THAT  
THE DEADLINE OF 1 OCTOBER 1982 FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
STEEL ARRANGEMENT CONCLUDED ON AUGUST 6 IN WASHINGTON WILL  
PROBABLY BE POSTPONED UNTIL 15 OCTOBER. AS VICE-PRESIDENT  
DAVIGNON INDICATED TO THE PRESS AT NOON-TIME (INFORMAL BRIEFING  
AT THE COUNCIL) THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION HAS INDEED  
INFORMED US THAT ITC WILL TAKE MORE TIME THAN SCHEDULED TO  
PASS ITS FINAL JUDGEMENT ON INJURY CAUSED TO THE US STEEL  
INDUSTRY BY IMPORTS OF EUROPEAN STEEL.

AS FAR AS THE TEN MEMBER STATES ARE CONCERNED, SAID MR.  
DAVIGNON, THEY REGRET THIS NEW DELAY BUT, OUR END STICKS TO THE  
ARRANGEMENT OF AUGUST 6 AND THE COUNCIL EXPRESSEDLY INDICATED  
THAT A DEBATE WAS NOT TO BE REOPENED ON THIS ISSUE.

BOTH THE COMMUNITY AND THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT REGRET THAT  
AMERICAN INDUSTRY HAS NOT YET ACCEPTED THE AUGUST ARRANGEMENT.  
IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS VICE-PRESIDENT DAVIGNON SAID THAT THE  
COMMUNITY HAS DONE ALL THE LEGAL AND TECHNICAL HOMEWORK SO  
THAT THE ARRANGEMENT CAN BE IMPLEMENTED AS FROM 1 OCTOBER, HE  
ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WAS UNLIKELY US INDUSTRY WOULD  
OK THE ARRANGEMENT BEFORE THAT DEADLINE "LETS FACE IT" HE SAID  
"WE COULD HAVE USED STRONG WORDS TO DENY THE ARRANGEMENT, AS  
IT APPEARS THAT THE 1 OCTOBER DEADLINE WILL PROBABLY NOT BE  
MET: THIS WOULD HOWEVER NOT HAVE HELPED THE SITUATION IN ANY  
FASHION"

QUESTIONED ON A DEAL ON TUBES AND PIPES, VICE-PRESIDENT  
DAVIGNON STRESSED THAT ANY SUCH DEAL COULD ONLY MAKE SENSE IF  
AND WHEN WE STAND ON FIRM GROUND AS FAR AS THE GLOBAL  
ARRANGEMENT OF AUGUST 6 IS CONCERNED.

HE SAID THAT EXPLORATORY TALKS ON TUBES AND PIPES WERE TO  
BE RESUMED AND CONFIRMED THAT SUCH A DEAL WAS NEITHER LEGALLY  
NOR TECHNICALLY COMPARABLE TO THE GLOBAL ARRANGEMENT REACHED  
BETWEEN THE US AND THE COMMISSION ON AUGUST 6. VICE-PRESIDENT  
DAVIGNON EXPLAINED THAT A DEAL ON TUBES WOULD BE DIFFERENT IN  
NATURE: ITS NOT A QUESTION OF SELF-RESTRAINT BUT OF EVOLUTION  
OF THE AMERICAN MARKET FOR THESE PRODUCTS.

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