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## EC COMMISSION REACTS TO US RULINGS ON INJURY FROM FOREIGN STEEL IMPORTS

The following is a statement by Sir Leon Brittan, EC Commission Vice President for External Economic Affairs, following the International Trade Commission's (ITC) rulings on steel today:

"I greatly welcome the fact that many of the arguments that the European Community put forward against the original determinations have been upheld. We were convinced that the approach originally adopted was wholly unjustified and totally unreasonable. The response of the ITC to our representations has been most encouraging and will do much to improve the atmosphere, not only in the discussions on steel but with regard to the Uruguay Round itself. The European Commission's determination and persistence have clearly had a very marked effect.

Nonetheless, there are of course still important outstanding issues. We will have to study carefully the position regarding those products where the duties will be imposed, and naturally reserve our rights fully. But it is already clear that the ITC determinations will help to defuse substantially what had become a very grave trade dispute."

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