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**UNITED STATES – ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES ON STAINLESS
STEEL PLATE IN COILS AND STAINLESS STEEL SHEET AND STRIP
FROM KOREA**

Request for Consultations by Korea

The following communication, dated 30 July 1999, from the Permanent Mission of Korea to the Permanent Mission of the United States and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.4 of the DSU.

My authorities have instructed me to request consultations with the Government of the United States pursuant to Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, Article XXIII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994), and Article 17.3 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the GATT 1994 (the Anti-Dumping Agreement) regarding the Preliminary and Final Determinations of the United States Department of Commerce (DOC) on Stainless Steel Plate in Coils from Korea dated 4 November 1998 and 31 March 1999 respectively and Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip from Korea dated 20 January 1999 and 8 June 1999 respectively.

The Republic of Korea considers that several errors were made by the United States in those determinations which resulted in erroneous findings and deficient conclusions as well as the imposition, calculation and collection of anti-dumping margins which are incompatible with the obligation of the United States under the provisions of the Anti-Dumping Agreement and Article VI of GATT 1994 and in particular, but not necessarily exclusively, Article 2, Article 6 and Article 12 of the Anti-Dumping Agreement.

The Republic of Korea believes that the United States did not act in conformity with those Articles, among others, in its treatment of the following: certain US sales made to a bankrupt company; the calculation of two distinct exchange rate periods for export sales; and currency conversion for certain normal value sales made in US dollars.

The Republic of Korea reserves its right to raise further factual claims and legal matters during the course of consultations.

We look forward to receiving your reply to the present request and to fixing a mutually convenient date for consultations.
