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## CANADA/U.S. TALKS ON LUMBER

Canadian and United States officials met earlier this week in San Diego to examine and review issues related to the bilateral softwood lumber trade. The Canadian side was led by Don Campbell, Assistant Deputy Minister (United States), Department of External Affairs; the U.S. side was led by Alan Woods, United States Deputy Trade Representative.

Views were exchanged on production and consumption trends, forest management policies in both countries, as well as prospects for increased market opportunities in third countries. The United States side, in addressing concerns expressed in the U.S. about the impact of Canadian softwood lumber sales, indicated a need for additional information in developing its own views. The Canadian side reiterated Canada's role as an important supplier and fair trader in the U.S. softwood lumber market. It was agreed to schedule another session in this series of discussions to consider a range of questions raised by both sides.

Minister Kelleher in receiving the report of the meeting indicated satisfaction and noted that the meetings should be seen in the context of ongoing consultations. The Minister also noted that provinces and industry will be briefed by officials on the meeting later this week.

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