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Following is communique issued today on conclusion of the Canadian-United States meeting on softwood lumber exports from Canada to the United States. The talks began yesterday.

Officials of the United States and Canadian Governments today concluded two days of discussion at Ottawa on present and future problems confronting the North American softwood lumber industries. They developed further the subjects discussed at the first meeting relating to the position of the softwood lumber industries in Canada and the United States, factors currently affecting the two industries, and the outlook for the future, both short and long term. Industry representatives from the two countries were available for consultation.

It was recognized that both countries have a mutual interest in a satisfactory resolution of problems facing the North American softwood lumber industries. It was agreed that an ad hoc joint expert working group of Government officials would be established to examine co-operatively such matters as the results of the recent storm on the Pacific coast; the longer term North American supply and demand prospects for timber resources; wood utilization generally and market development.

It was agreed that as need arose industry representatives of the two countries would be consulted in an appropriate manner.