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STATEMENT MADE TO THE PRESS FOLLOWING STEEL COMMITTEE MEETING

The Honourable Francis Fox, Minister for International Trade, met July 17 with Canadian industry, provincial and labour representatives to examine the recommendation of the United States International Trade Commission for restricting U.S. imports of certain steel products.

It was agreed that across-the-board import restrictions should be vigorously opposed. An action program was developed aimed at preserving access for Canadian steel to the maximum extent possible. All parties agreed to the need for continued close cooperation in ensuring that Canada's case is placed forcefully before the U.S. Administration.

This will be the dominant theme in Mr. Fox's meetings in Washington July 24 with United States Trade Representative Ambassador William Brock and Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige.

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