

Canadian view that the investigations make no commercial sense in an integrated steel market and are an obstacle to the conclusion of a Canada-United States steel accord.

- The main advocacy document is a pamphlet entitled **Canada-United States Steel Trade: A Relationship in Peril** that has received wide distribution through both industry and government representatives.

CANADA-UNITED STATES STEEL AGREEMENT

- The Canadian industry continues to pursue a Canada-United States steel agreement with their counterparts in the United States.
- The government supports this initiative and will continue to pursue it in co-operation with the Canadian industry.
- The government has proposed to the United States a Canada-United States panel to examine ways in which the trade laws of both countries might be changed to better serve the integrated nature of the North American steel market. The government will continue to press for the establishment of such a panel.

MULTILATERAL STEEL AGREEMENT

- Canada has been participating in discussions regarding the United States proposal for a Multilateral Steel Agreement (MSA), intended to establish disciplines on international steel trade. The United States administration has been pursuing this proposal for the past three years.
- Canada has taken a constructive approach to these discussions and is prepared to consider any new United States proposals in this context.
- The most recent discussions on the MSA were held in Geneva on December 9-10. The preliminary focus of these discussions was on subsidies and dispute settlement procedures.
- The next multilateral meeting on the MSA will likely take place in late February.

TRADE INVESTIGATIONS

- Both the Canadian Embassy in Washington and External Affairs and International Trade Canada in Ottawa have worked closely