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**UNITED STATES – DEFINITIVE SAFEGUARD MEASURES ON IMPORTS OF
CIRCULAR WELDED CARBON QUALITY LINE PIPE FROM KOREA**

Request for Consultations by Korea

The following communication, dated 13 June 2000, 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 XXII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994) and Article 14 of the Agreement on Safeguards regarding the definitive safeguard measure imposed by the United States on imports of circular welded carbon quality line pipe (line pipe).

On 18 February 2000, the United States proclaimed a definitive safeguard measure on imports of line pipe (subheadings 7306.10.10 and 7306.10.50 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States). In the said proclamation, the United States announced the proposed date of introduction of the measure is 1 March 2000 and that the measure is expected to be in effect for three years and one day. The Republic of Korea considers that the US procedures and determinations that led to the imposition of the safeguard measure as well as the measure itself contravene various provisions contained in the Agreement on Safeguards and GATT 1994. In particular, the Republic of Korea is of the view that the United States measure is inconsistent with its obligations under:

- (1) Articles 2, 3, 4, 5, 11 and 12 of the Agreement on Safeguards; and
- (2) Articles I, XIII and XIX of GATT 1994.

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