

# UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

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10 U.S. International

11 Trade Commission

12 500 E Street, S.W.

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14 The meeting, commenced, pursuant to notice, at

15 11:00 a.m., before the Commissioners of the United States

16 International Trade Commission, Commissioner David S.

17 Johanson, presiding.

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 (11:05 a.m.)

3 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Good morning. This meeting  
4 of the U.S. International Trade Commission will now come to  
5 order.

6 Welcome to Commissioners Schmidtlein, Kearns and  
7 Stayin, who are participating by telephone.

8 (Good Morning in unison.)

9 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: I understand that there are  
10 no agendas for future meetings, minutes, ratification lists  
11 or outstanding action jackets to consider.

12 Next we turn to the vote on the Preliminary phase  
13 of Investigation No. 731-TA-1472 concerning imports of  
14 Difluoromethane (R-32) from China.

15 Welcome to Mr. Comly and the staff who  
16 participated in this investigation.

17 Are there any questions for the staff?

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Are there any additions or  
20 corrections to the staff report?

21 MR. COMLY: Nate Comly, Office of Investigatons.  
22 Chairman Johanson the report may be approved as it stands.

23 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Is there any objection to  
24 approval of the staff report?

25 (No response.)

1           CHAIRMAN JOHANSON:   Hearing none, it is  
2 approved.

3           Mr. Secretary, will you please call the roll?

4           MR. BISHOP:   Commissioner Schmittlein?

5           COMMISSIONER SCHMITTLEIN:   I vote affirmative.

6           MR. BISHOP:   Commissioner Kearns?

7           COMMISSIONER KEARNS:   I vote in the affirmative.

8           MR. BISHOP:   Commissioner Karpel?

9           COMMISSIONER KARPEL:   I vote in the affirmative.

10          MR. BISHOP:   Commissioner Johanson?

11          COMMISSIONER JOHANSON:   I vote in the  
12 affirmative.

13          MR. BISHOP:   Commissioner Stayin?

14          COMMISSIONER STAYIN:   I vote in the affirmative.

15          MR. BISHOP:   Mr. Chairman, the Commission has  
16 reached an affirmative determination.

17          CHAIRMAN JOHANSON:   Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

18 Further information concerning this determination will be in  
19 the press release. Views of the Commission are currently  
20 scheduled to be completed and filed on March 16, 2020.

21                 Thank you to all staff who participated in this  
22 investigation. Seeing no other business before the  
23 Commission, this meeting is adjourned.

24                 (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at  
25 11:07 a.m.)

## CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

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