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The Commission meeting commenced, pursuant to Notice, at 11:00 a.m., before the Commissioners of the United States International Trade Commission, the Honorable MARCIA E. MILLER, presiding.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(11:00 a.m.)

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3 COMMISSIONER MILLER: Good morning. This
4 meeting of the U.S. International Trade Commission
5 will come to order, please. Welcome to all of our
6 guests.

7 I understand Chairman Koplan, Vice Chairman
8 Okun and Commissioner Hillman are all participating by
9 telephone this morning. Good morning all.

10 ALL: Good morning.

11 COMMISSIONER MILLER: The first item on our
12 agenda today are the agenda for future meetings and
13 outstanding action jackets, and we have none to
14 consider.

15 Secondly, we have the minutes of July 12,
16 14, and 21, 2005, and Ratification List 05-017. Are
17 there objections to approval?

18 (No response.)

19 COMMISSIONER MILLER: Hearing none, they are
20 approved.

21 Next on our agenda today is Investigation
22 No. 731-TA-1094 (Preliminary), Metal Calendar Slides
23 From Japan.

24 Welcome to Ms. Mazur and the staff who have
25 been handling this investigation.

1 Are there any questions for the staff?

2 (No response.)

3 COMMISSIONER MILLER: Are there additions or
4 corrections to the staff report?

5 MS. MAZUR: Madam Chairman, there are no
6 additions or corrections.

7 COMMISSIONER MILLER: Thank you.

8 Are there objections to approval of the
9 staff report?

10 (No response.)

11 COMMISSIONER MILLER: Hearing none, it is
12 approved.

13 Madam Secretary, would you call the roll,
14 please?

15 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Pearson?

16 COMMISSIONER PEARSON: I vote in the
17 negative.

18 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Hillman?

19 COMMISSIONER HILLMAN: I vote in the
20 affirmative.

21 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Lane?

22 COMMISSIONER LANE: I vote in the
23 affirmative.

24 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Okun?

25 VICE CHAIRMAN OKUN: I vote in the negative.

1 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Koplan?

2 CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: I vote in the affirmative.

3 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Miller?

4 COMMISSIONER MILLER: I'm not participating
5 in this investigation.

6 MS. ABBOTT: Madam Chairman, the Commission
7 has reached an affirmative determination.

8 COMMISSIONER MILLER: Thank you.

9 Further information regarding this
10 determination will be in the press release.

11 Commissioners' opinions are currently
12 scheduled to be transmitted to the Department of
13 Commerce on or before August 22, 2005.

14 Thank you very much to the staff who
15 assisted in the investigation. We'll take a moment
16 now to change the staff for the next item on the
17 agenda.

18 (Pause.)

19 COMMISSIONER MILLER: We'll now turn to
20 TA-104-7 and AA-1921-198-200 (Second Review) Sugar
21 From The European Union; Sugar From Belgium, France,
22 and Germany.

23 Again welcome to Ms. Mazur and to the staff
24 who have handled this investigation for the
25 Commission.

1 Are there questions for the staff?

2 (No response.)

3 COMMISSIONER MILLER: Are there additions or
4 corrections to the staff report?

5 MS. MAZUR: Madam Chairman, before I do give
6 the additions and corrections I'd like to recognize
7 Karl von Schrilzt of the General Counsel's Office.
8 This is the first investigation that Karl has worked
9 on, and we look forward to many more years of
10 contribution from him.

11 COMMISSIONER MILLER: Welcome, Mr. von
12 Schrilzt.

13 MS. MAZUR: Now with regard to the
14 memoranda, yes, there are additions and corrections
15 contained in Investigations Memorandum CC-116, 117 and
16 119.

17 COMMISSIONER MILLER: All right. Are there
18 objections to approval of the staff report as revised?

19 (No response.)

20 COMMISSIONER MILLER: Hearing none, it is
21 approved.

22 Madam Secretary, would you call the roll,
23 please?

24 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Lane?

25 COMMISSIONER LANE: I vote in the negative.

1 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Pearson?

2 COMMISSIONER PEARSON: I vote in the
3 negative.

4 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Koplan?

5 CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: I vote in the negative.

6 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Miller?

7 COMMISSIONER MILLER: I vote in the
8 affirmative.

9 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Hillman?

10 COMMISSIONER HILLMAN: I vote in the
11 negative.

12 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Okun?

13 VICE CHAIRMAN OKUN: I vote in the negative.

14 MS. ABBOTT: Madam Chairman, the Commission
15 has reached negative determinations in these
16 investigations.

17 COMMISSIONER MILLER: Further information
18 regarding this determination will be in the press
19 release. Commissioners' opinions are currently
20 scheduled to be transmitted to the Department of
21 Commerce on or before August 29, 2005.

22 Thank you to the staff who handled this
23 investigation.

24 With that, Madam Secretary, is there any
25 other business at this point?

1 MS. ABBOTT: No, Madam Chairman.

2 COMMISSIONER MILLER: Well, then let me say
3 first of all thank you to Chairman Koplán and Vice
4 Chairman Okun, if they can still hear me that is, for
5 being absent today and letting me have the opportunity
6 of chairing my last meeting as a Commissioner at the
7 ITC. I chaired the first meeting, which was kind of
8 unusual, and it's equally unusual to chair the last
9 one.

10 Mr. Chairman in particular, I know you may
11 be having trouble hearing me. I hope I don't cause
12 you too much trouble by keeping you on the line a
13 little bit longer, but last Friday did mark nine years
14 for me here at the Commission.

15 When I came I didn't expect to be here for
16 nine years. I came with less than a full term, but I
17 was lucky enough frankly to stay a bit longer. I
18 didn't expect to do so, but I did so because I really
19 have enjoyed this job so very, very much.

20 CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: Commissioner Miller, can
21 you hear me?

22 COMMISSIONER MILLER: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I
23 can. Are you still there?

24 CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER MILLER: The plane hasn't taken

1 you away yet?

2 CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: I want to just say to you
3 (inaudible) appropriate that you do that.

4 COMMISSIONER MILLER: Steve, I think you're
5 going to have to hold on because we can't hear you.

6 CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: Is that right?

7 COMMISSIONER MILLER: Okay. Hold on a
8 minute because I'm not quit done, all right?

9 I just want to say this job has been one
10 that for me has been constantly a learning exercise.
11 New skills, new industries, refining old skills as
12 well, and it really has been wonderful. I hope I've
13 given it half as much as it has given to me. If I
14 have, then I leave here feeling quite good about it.

15 I want to express my appreciation to the
16 permanent staff because in so many ways you watch
17 Commissioners come and go, but you are at the core of
18 this institution, and whether it accomplishes its
19 mission is really because the staff does the job for
20 us on a daily basis as you watch us come and go and
21 hopefully do more good than harm along the way.

22 I've had a great team. I couldn't have done
23 it without them. Elizabeth Ravesteign and Ann Ryder
24 started with me on my very first day at the
25 Commission, and they will be with me until my last

1 day. I am so indebted to them for giving me that
2 continuity throughout.

3 I've had wonderful confidential assistants
4 in Patty McHugh and Gayle Fralin, who many of you know
5 have been with me for so many years, and a great group
6 of lawyers, currently June Brown and Barbara Flaherty,
7 but prior to this David Oliver and Kevin Furman, Eric
8 Solomon for a little while and even at the very
9 beginning of my time here a young Commission attorney
10 named Shara Aranoff, who will now return to the
11 Commission, and I wish her well and hope that she
12 enjoys it as much as I have in my time here.

13 I hope I'll have a chance to say goodbye to
14 a lot of folks, and I tend to do a lot of walking
15 around the building in my last week here before Labor
16 Day. That is all I have to say.

17 Because I have the gavel, Mr. Chairman, it
18 even gives me the opportunity to bring this meeting to
19 a close. I appreciate it, and the meeting is
20 adjourned.

21 (Whereupon, at 11:09 a.m. the Commission
22 meeting in the above-entitled matter was concluded.)

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