The meeting commenced pursuant to notice at 9:30 a.m., before the Commissioners of the United States International Trade Commission, the Honorable David S. Johanson, Chairman, presiding.
APPEARANCES:

On behalf of the International Trade Commission:

Commissioners:

   Chairman David S. Johanson (presiding)
   Commissioner Irving A. Williamson
   Commissioner Meredith M. Broadbent
   Commissioner Rhonda K. Schmidtlein (via telephone)
   Commissioner Jason E. Kearns

   William R. Bishop, Supervisory Hearings and Information Officer
   Tyrell Burch, Program Support Specialist

STAFF:

   Abu Kanu, Investigator
   Philip Stone, International Trade Analyst
   Cindy Cohen, International Economist
   Samuel Varela-Molina, Accountant/Auditor
   Mara Alexander, Statistician
   Michael Haldenstein, Attorney/Advisor
   Craig Thomsen, Supervisory Investigator
CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Good morning. This meeting of the U.S. International Trade Commission will now come to order. I understand that there are no agendas for future meetings, minutes, Ratification Lists, or Outstanding Action Jackets to consider.

Next we turn to the vote on the Preliminary Phase of Investigation Numbers 731-TA-1435 to 1440 concerning Imports of Acetone from Belgium, Korea, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, and Spain.

Welcome to Mr. Thomsen and the staff who participated in these investigations.

Are there any questions for the staff?

(No response.)

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

MR. THOMSEN: Craig Thomsen, Office of Investigations. Thank you, Chairman Johanson, and good morning.

Staff proposes that the Preliminary Staff Report for these investigations be revised in accordance with Memorandum INV-RR-23 dated April 3rd, 2019.

CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Is there any objection to approval of the Staff Report as revised?
(No response.)

CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Hearing none, it is approved.

Mr. Secretary, will you please call the roll.

MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Williamson.

COMMISSIONER WILLIAMSON: I vote to terminate the investigation of subject imports of acetone from Saudi Arabia. I vote in the affirmative as to all other investigations.

MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Schmidtlein.

COMMISSIONER SCHMIDTLEIN (Via Phone): I vote to terminate the investigation with regard to Saudi Arabia, and I vote in the affirmative with regard to all other countries.

MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Broadbent.

COMMISSIONER BROADBENT: I vote to terminate the investigation on imports of acetone from Saudi Arabia. I vote affirmative with respect to the investigations on imports of acetone from Belgium, Korea, Singapore, South Africa, and Spain.

MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Johanson.

COMMISSIONER JOHANSON: I vote to terminate the investigation with respect to Saudi Arabia. I vote in the affirmative with respect to Belgium, Korea, Singapore, South Africa, and Spain.

MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Kearns.
COMMISSIONER KEARNS: I concur with my colleagues.

MR. BISHOP: Mr. Chairman, the Commission has determined to terminate the investigation concerning Saudi Arabia. The Commission has reached affirmative determinations with respect to Belgium, Korea, Singapore, South Africa, and Spain.

CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Thank you, Mr. Secretary. Further information concerning these determinations will be in the press release. Views of the Commission are currently scheduled to be completed and filed on April 12th, 2019. Thank you to all staff who participated in these investigations.

Seeing that there is no other business before the Commission, this meeting is adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 9:35 a.m., Thursday, April 4, 2019, the meeting of the Commissioners of the United States International Trade Commission was adjourned.)
CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

TITLE: In The Matter Of: Acetone from Belgium, Korea, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, and Spain

INVESTIGATION NO.: 731-TA-1435-1440

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