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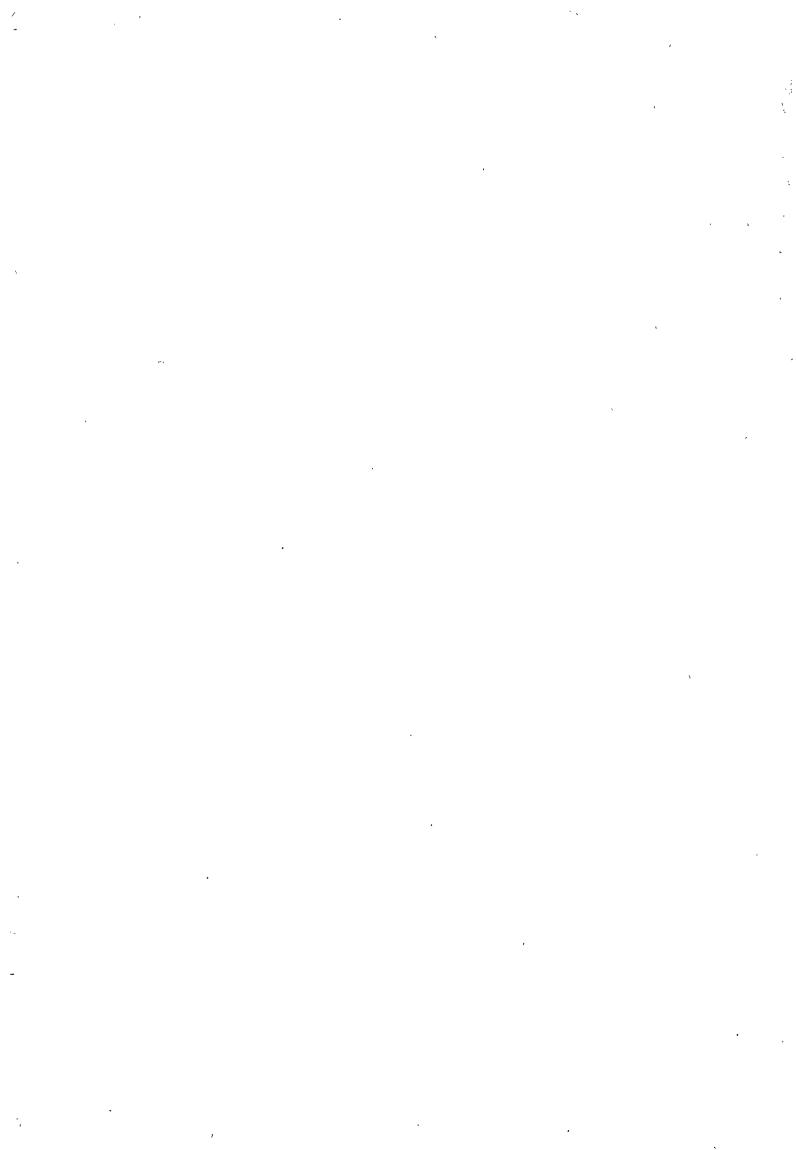
- Industry/Steel -

Brussels, 6 August 1985

President: Mr Robert GOEBBELS

State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg



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The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium: Denmark:

Mr Mark EYSKENS Mr Esper LARSEN

Minister for Economic Affairs Ambassador

Permanent Representative

Deputy Permanent Representative

Germany: Greece:

Mr Dieter von WURZEN Mr Elias LYMBEROPOULOS

State Secretary,

Federal Ministry of Economic

Affairs

France: Ireland:

Mr Claude MARTIN Mr Andrew O'ROURKE

Deputy Permanent Representative Ambassador,

Permanent Representative

<u>Italy:</u> <u>Luxembourg:</u>

Mr Pietro CALAMIA Mr Johnny LAHURE

Ambassador State Secretary for Economic

Permanent Representative Affairs

Netherlands: United Kingdom:

Mr F. BOLKESTEIN Mr Norman LAMONT Minister for Foreign Trade Minister of State,

Department of Trade and Industry

Commission:

Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES

Vice-President

Mr Willy DE CLERCQ

Member

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The following also attended as observers:

Spain: Portugal:

Mr Enrique GONZALEZ SANCHEZ Mr Luis ALBUQUERQUE

Counsellor Minister, Plenipotentiary

## RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES IN THE STEEL SECTOR

The Council approved a complementary self-restraint Arrangement on certain steel products hitherto covered only by a consultation clause. This Arrangement is the outcome of consultations between the Commission and the United States authorities.

The complementary Arrangement, which safeguards the essential interests of the Community producers concerned, has the following main features:

- it covers a five-month period from 1 August to 31 December 1985. It does not prejudge the arrangements to be negotiated for the future;
- the total quota is 197 917 tonnes;
- the allocation among the various product categories will be made on a linear basis using the reference years 1982, 1983, 1984;
- semi-finished products are excluded from the quota arrangements.

The Council also adopted the internal allocation among Member States of the quotas negotiated with the United States authorities for each product category, on a linear basis which also uses the reference period 1982, 1983, 1984.

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With respect to oil tubes (OCTG), following a wide-ranging exchange of views the Council agreed on the internal allocation (burden-sharing) of the quotas among Member States. This allocation is as follows:

- Germany : 4,38%

- France : 0,53%

- Italy : 3,25%

- Netherlands : 0,02%

- Belgium : 0,50%

- Luxembourg : 0,01%

- United Kingdom: 0,55%

- Greece : 0,76%