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ON STEEL AND ALUMINIUM ARTICLES FROM CANADA**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE UNITED STATES

The following communication, dated 1 May 2025, was received from the delegation of the United States with the request that it be circulated to the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB).

The United States has received your letter dated March 20, 2025, requesting to join in the consultations requested by Canada, as circulated in document WT/DS635/2.

Canada's request concerns an action that the United States considers necessary for the protection of its essential security interests, taken by the President of the United States pursuant to Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962. Issues of national security are political matters not susceptible to review or capable of resolution by WTO dispute settlement. Every Member of the WTO retains the authority to determine for itself those matters that it considers necessary to the protection of its essential security interests, as is reflected in the text of Article XXI of the GATT 1994.

The United States does not consider that the European Union's claim of a substantial trade interest in these consultations is well-founded. The United States is declining your request to join these consultations.
