OECD governments will meet in Paris 7-8 February 2002 to pursue discussions on excess capacity and resulting market distortions affecting the world steel industry. The meeting follows high-level meetings at the OECD on 17-18 September 2001 and 17-18 December 2001.

The meeting will be attended by members of the OECD Steel Committee and observers as well as other key steel producing countries (1).

Participants agreed at the December meeting to convene again in February, at which time all of the assessments from governments of the situation in their individual countries and projections for reducing excess and inefficient capacity would be available. Governments and observers will meet again 18-19 April to develop future directions that work of the High-Level Group, created at the December meeting, should take.

A communique will be issued at the close of the meeting and presented to journalists at a media briefing at 12 noon, Friday 8 February 2002, at the OECD.

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