Fourth OECD High-Level Meeting on Steel

OECD governments will meet in Paris on 18-19 April 2002 to continue their work on improving the conditions in world steel and to confirm the directions of their future work. The meeting follows high-level meetings at the OECD on 17-18 September 2001, 17-18 December 2001 and 7-8 February 2002. This meeting will also provide participants with an opportunity to address more recent developments in steel markets. Progress that is being made in facilitating the ongoing and planned closure of inefficient capacity will be evaluated, as will work that has been undertaken on the ways that multilateral disciplines on market-distorting government interventions in steel, and related industry practices, could be strengthened.

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

A media briefing will take place at 5 p.m., Friday 19 April 2002, at the OECD.

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