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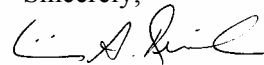
Dear Secretary Evans:

On behalf of the National Foreign Trade Council (NFTC) and its 400 members, please find enclosed a position paper and recommended strategy on the negotiations on antidumping in the Doha Development Agenda (DDA).

We believe it is essential that WTO Members undertake a new approach in the antidumping negotiations, in line with the DDA's mandate to clarify and improve antidumping disciplines. In our view, pursuing the Uruguay Round approach of further micromanagement of an already overly complex agreement is not in the best interests of the United States and other WTO Members. As our paper explains in detail, we recommend that the Agreement on Antidumping be based on core principles, coupled with the establishment of an impartial Experts Group that would be tasked with developing model instruments and providing capacity building and technical assistance to developing countries to assist them in adopting WTO-consistent regimes.

The NFTC strongly supports a successful outcome to the Doha Round, one that achieves ambitious results. Essential to such an outcome is a workable solution on antidumping, which remains a controversial and difficult issue in the United States. We hope that our paper contributes constructively to the negotiations on this important topic, and we look forward to working with you to assure a successful conclusion to the Round.

Sincerely,



William A. Reinsch
President

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