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To be held at the Chateau de la Muette, Paris, on Friday, 29 May 1998.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### Item 2 Election of the Chairman

The rules of procedure of the Organisation provide that officers of the subsidiary bodies shall be designated each year at one of the first plenary meetings following 1 January.

### Item 5 Activities with non-member economies

The Committee will be provided with an opportunity to discuss the results of the *Workshop on Steel Trade Issues*.

The Secretariat will report on the status of relations with key non-member economies, including India, which has formally requested observer status in the Committee, and China.

### Item 6 Steel trade and trade-related issues

The Secretariat will provide an overview of the information that has been collected in the questionnaire on steel trade and trade-related issues [DSTI/SI/SC(97)56 and DSTI/SU(98)9]. The Committee will discuss the results, and will be asked to consider how it wishes to proceed with this work.

### Item 7 Situation on the steel market

In support of the Committee's discussion of recent developments, Delegates are asked to continue their practice of providing statements on the situation in their steel markets (overall and in the markets for oil country tubular goods and specialty steel) to the Secretariat **prior to the meeting**. It is requested that these statements be submitted by **15 May 1998**.

Based on these submissions, the Secretariat will prepare synthesis statements. These statements will be sent to Delegations on an expedited basis, in advance of the meeting. The purpose of preparing the synthesis statements, it will be recalled, is to provide Delegates with an opportunity to become informed of key developments prior to the meeting, with a view towards intensifying the discussion under his item.

*Note: The texts of the statements that are made available to the Secretariat will be reproduced and distributed as room documents at the Committee meeting.*

***The situation in the Asia-Pacific area***

The Secretariat will present a report on the situation in steel in East Asia [DSTI/SI/SU(98)7], following which the Committee will have a more general discussion on conditions in steel in the Asia-Pacific region.

***Country reports***

The Chairman will provide Delegations with an opportunity to highlight the principal developments in their respective steel markets and comment on the short term outlook. As discussed at previous meetings, brief oral statements by all Delegations would be appreciated.

***Press release***

The Committee will be asked to approve the text of a press release on the overall situation in steel markets.

**Item 8 Recent policy developments**

***Member countries and observers***

All Member countries and observers will be asked to provide comments on recent policy developments in their respective areas.

***Other areas***

Policy developments in the non-OECD area will be considered. In support of the discussion, the Secretariat is preparing a document on developments in non-member economies [DSTI/SI/SU(98)10]. Delegations will be provided with an opportunity to present and discuss additional information.

**Item 9 Steel and the environment**

***Recent developments***

The Committee will discuss recent developments in the field of steel and the environment, in support of which the Secretariat has prepared a background document [DSTI/SU/SC(98)12].

Special attention will be paid to the results of the Kyoto Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention on Climate Change. A consultant will report on the outcome of the Conference, focusing on the implications for the steel industry [DSTI/SU(98)11].

*The effects of government environmental policy on costs and competitiveness*

The Committee will consider the document that was prepared on the effects of governmental policy on the costs and competitiveness of the steel industry [DSTI/SI/SC(97)46].

The Committee will be asked how it wishes to proceed with its work on environmental issues.

**Item 10 Consultations with the Trade Union Advisory Committee**

The Trade Union Advisory Committee will be invited to participate in the Committee meeting (for this agenda item only) and provide its views on steel issues.

**Item 11 Assessment of Steel Committee activities**

The Committee will consider the status of its work, as set forth in its 1997-98 programme of work; it will also review issues related to the current and future role of the Committee [DSTI/SU/SC(98)6].

**Item 12 Programme of work for 1999 and 2000**

The Committee will consider its proposed programme of work for the years 1999 and 2000 [DSTI/SU/SC(98)5]. Once agreed, the final version of the programme will be submitted to the Secretary-General, in an abbreviated form, for incorporation into the Organisation's overall programme of work for the two-year period.

**Item 13 Analytic and statistical work on steel**

*Draft report on the steel market in 1997 and the outlook for 1998 and 1999*

The Committee will be provided with an opportunity to discuss the draft report [DSTI/SU/SC(98)13].

*Developments in steelmaking capacity in the non-OECD area: Half-yearly report*

In accordance with the Steel Committee's programme of work for 1997 and 1998, the Secretariat is preparing a report on steel capacity developments in the non-OECD area [DSTI/SU/SC(98)14].

*Investment and disinvestment notifications*

Recent investment and disinvestment notifications will be discussed [DSTI/SI/SC(98)15].

**Item 14 Current issues**

Delegates will be provided with an opportunity to exchange views and information on recent developments relating to ferrous scrap, structural adaptation, and the work that the World Customs Organisation and the World Trade Organisation are conducting on rules of origin for steel products.

**Item 15 Draft report to the Council on the activities of the Steel Committee in 1997**

In accordance with Article 4 of the Decision of the Council establishing the Steel Committee [C(78)171(Final)], the Committee should make an annual report to the Council on its activities. The Committee will be asked to consider a draft [DSTI/SU/SC(98)8] and approve a final version of the report.

**Item 16 Other business**

The Committee will be asked to confirm the dates for its next meeting (either 4-5 November or 5-6 November 1998).

**Item 17 Other issues (government officials only)**

Delegates will be provided with an opportunity to raise issues for further discussion.