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ICC reage à proposta de *tariff act* dos EUA

Dando voz a 45 milhões de empresas que empregam mais de mil milhões de trabalhadores, a Câmara de Comércio Internacional emitiu um comunicado em resposta à recentemente divulgada proposta *US Fair and Reciprocal Tariff Act*, que permitiria aumentos unilaterais das taxas aduaneiras e renunciar a princípios fundamentais das regras da Organização Mundial do Comércio.

O Secretário-Geral da ICC, John Denton, sustenta que:

“G7 and G20 leaders have an overriding responsibility to help fix the shortcomings of the rules-based trading system – recognising that it has fueled seven decades of unprecedented job creation, poverty alleviation and technological progress for citizens of the US and beyond.

“Reform of the global trading system is undoubtedly needed, but abandoning WTO rules would create a major risk to inclusive growth across the U.S. and throughout the world. Energies would best be channeled into ramping up dialogue and engagement to find new, innovative ways to reform the WTO system to ensure that world trade works for everyone. Global growth in the 21st century is not a zero-sum game.

“As governments and business well know, when it comes to rethinking a service or an activity, listening to the end user is vital. Here, we are talking about the millions of businesses – large and small – that use the global trading system every day to exchange their goods and services, creating value for local economies and spreading prosperity more widely. Evidence shows that an open and stable global trading system is particularly vital to support the growth of micro and small enterprises – the engine of job creation in the U.S. economy.

“Building on our long history of developing solutions to enable trade, ICC is convening businesses and other thought leaders around a “second track” dialogue platform with key global institutions. This dialogue will develop ideas to enable the multilateral trading system to better deal with the challenges and disruptions of the 21st century.

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“In physical combat the hardest hit are the frontline soldiers. In a trade war, the frontline soldiers are the workers and consumers who are the driving forces of economic growth. Without political will to resolve trade tensions through meaningful dialogue, they will be hurt with fewer jobs, high prices and ultimately less choice.”