



Resolution on Canada-USA Trade Issues

- Whereas** there exists a long history of friendship between Canada and the United States of America (USA);
- Whereas** the economies of Canada and the USA are integrated and interrelated;
- Whereas** both countries are parties to the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA);
- Whereas** negotiations between Canada, Mexico and the USA are ongoing in view of improving NAFTA;
- Whereas** that according to the Office of the United States Trade Representative, the USA had a trade surplus of US\$8.4 billion with Canada in 2017;
- Whereas** the USA recently imposed illegal tariffs on aluminum and steel imported from Canada and Canada's response was measured and reasonable;
- Whereas** the USA pretexted that said tariffs were justified by national security;
- Whereas** Canada is the USA's oldest and most reliable ally;
- Whereas** President Trump's tweets last Saturday he clearly implied that said tariffs were really imposed in retaliation for Canadian supply management of the dairy industry and related measures;
- Whereas** according to the United States Department of Agriculture, in 2017, the USA had a dairy trade surplus of nearly US\$518 million over Canada;
- Whereas** President Trump and his administration made undignified, inflammatory and insulting attacks on Canada and Prime Minister Trudeau since Saturday;
- Whereas** supply management plays an important role in maintaining a healthy market as well as reasonable and fair working conditions for milk producers and their families;
- Whereas** Teamsters Canada has always supported supply management in the agricultural sector, including the dairy industry;

Be it resolved that:

Teamsters Canada denounces President Trump's and his administration's imposition of tariffs on aluminum and steel imports from Canada, and that;

Teamsters Canada fully supports the Government of Canada and Prime Minister Trudeau's position to seek redress under applicable rules and treaties against the illegal tariffs imposed on Canadian aluminum and steel exports to the USA, and that;

Teamsters Canada fully supports the Government of Canada and Prime Minister Trudeau's position to impose legitimate and measured retaliatory tariffs upon various USA's exports to Canada, and that;

Teamsters Canada fully supports the Government of Canada and Prime Minister Trudeau's position to defend and maintain the existing agricultural supply management schemes, and that;

Teamsters Canada denounces President Trump's and his administration's attacks and insults against Canada and Prime Minister Trudeau, and that;

Teamsters Canada calls on the International Brotherhood of Teamsters to reiterate its support of the Canadian agricultural supply management schemes and to denounce the insults proffered by President Trump and his administration against Canada and Prime Minister Trudeau.