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Bureau of International Recycling

BIR is the international trade association of the recycling industries. More than 50 countries are represented through their national trade associations and individual companies which are involved in recycling. BIR comprises four commodity divisions: iron and steel, non ferrous metals, paper and textiles, and has committees dealing with stainless steel and special alloys, plastics and rubber. BIR's primary goals are to promote recycling and recyclability, thereby conserving natural resources, protecting the environment and facilitating free trade of secondary raw materials.

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**BIR President Fernando Duranti reaffirms
the world recycling organisation's strong opposition to export controls**

During last week's meeting of the BIR Executive Committee in Brussels, Fernando Duranti of Leghe & Metalli International (Italy) reiterated that BIR's primary task was to defend the right of its members to trade worldwide without restrictions while respecting international environmental legislation.

Free and fair trade was of vital importance to everyone involved in buying, selling, importing and exporting raw materials, he stressed.

Referring in particular to the recent decision of the US Commerce Department to oppose controls on US copper scrap exports, Mr Duranti commended the excellent work of ISRI, the American member association of the BIR, which "had professionally gathered all the necessary data to demonstrate that there was no shortage of available copper scrap".

During the Brussels meeting, he stated that BIR would continue to offer its support to other regional organisations - and, in particular, to European trade federations - in opposing any form of export controls, including duties or quotas, imposed on metals or on other raw materials.

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