The Global Economy

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**Case For In Class Discussion**

**Dumping Chinese Solar Panels, Tires and Other Goods in the US**

The International Trade Commission recently opened an investigation into the charges that the US solar energy firms have leveled against China accusing it of dumping government subsidized panels on the U.S. market. This is a replay of earlier charges that Chinese furniture manufacturers engaged in dumping as did Chinese tire manufacturers. Those charges led to U.S. duties being imposed on Chinese imports of furniture and tires. US furniture manufacturers and their political representatives claimed that these duties were necessary to “level the playing field” in the face of illegal “dumping” of these Chinese-made products on the US market. Chinese manufacturers claim that they are not dumping and that tariffs simply protect inefficient US firms and workers from competition.

At the break read the attached documents (as a group in your normal work groups) and come back ready to discuss: What is dumping? Who benefits and who loses from anti-dumping laws? Give a brief summary of the issues surrounding dumping in general, and solar panels, tires and furniture from China in particular. You may find the attached readings helpful, but you may use other sources as well.