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**IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION TO THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS
OF THE RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 12.3**

JOINT COMMUNICATION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND MEXICO

Certain steel products

The following communication, dated 30 April 2019, is being circulated at the request of the Delegations of the European Union and Mexico.

Pursuant to Article 12.5 of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards (Safeguards Agreement), the European Union and Mexico are notifying the results of the consultations conducted under Article 12.3 of the Safeguards Agreement. Documents G/SG/N/6/EU/1 (dated 27 March 2018), G/SG/N/6/EU/1/Suppl.1 (dated 29 June 2018), G/SG/N/7/EU/1 and G/SG/N/11/EU/1 (dated 18 July 2018), G/SG/N/8/EU/1 - G/SG/N/10/EU/1 - G/SG/N/11/EU/1/Suppl.1 (dated 4 January 2019) G/SG/N/8/EU/1/Suppl.1 - G/SG/N/10/EU/1/Suppl.1 - G/SG/N/11/EU/1/Suppl.2 (dated 7 February 2019) contain notifications from the European Union concerning measures taken under the Safeguards Agreement concerning certain steel products.

On 25 and 29 January 2019, the European Union and Mexico conducted consultations with a view to discuss the information provided in the above-mentioned documents dated 4 January 2019, related to the safeguard measure on certain steel products. The European Union and Mexico discussed the relevant information and exchanged views on the measure.

In particular, Mexico requested to have access to certain data used in the investigation. Mexico also inquired about the inclusion of a certain product category in the definitive measures, about the exclusions of certain countries and posed some general questions on the functioning of the tariff-rate quota mechanism and the time periods used for different calculations in the regulation imposing definitive measures. Mexico informed the European Union that it would provide it with the relevant estimations of the alleged negative economic impact on its exporters.

The European Union provided the requested data and clarified all the issues raised by Mexico. The European Union disagreed with the views expressed by Mexico on the legality of the measures under WTO rules.

Mexico reserved its right to request compensation pursuant to Article 8 paragraph 1 of the Agreement on Safeguards. The European Union took note of this point.