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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 TURKEY

Certain steel products

The following communication, dated 3 April 2019, is being circulated at the request of the Delegations of the European Union and Turkey.

Pursuant to Article 12.5 of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards, the European Union and Turkey are notifying the interim results of the consultations conducted under Article 12.3 of the Agreement on Safeguards. 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 Agreement on Safeguards concerning certain steel products.

On 11 January 2019, the European Union and Turkey conducted consultations with a view to discussing the information provided in the above mentioned documents related to the European Union's safeguard measure on certain steel products, exchanging views on this safeguard measure, and reaching an understanding on ways to achieve the objective set out in paragraph 1 of Article 8 of the Agreement on Safeguards. In particular, Turkey contested the legality of the measures and the existence of absolute increase and made several requests. The European Union stressed that its measures have been taken as a result of an absolute increase in imports and disagreed with Turkey's assessment of the legality of the measures.

On 28 January 2019, Turkey submitted a calculation of adverse effects and requested compensation therefore under Article 8 paragraph 1 of the Agreement on Safeguards. Following discussions on this subject held on 19 and 28 March and 2 April 2019, the European Union and Turkey reached a joint understanding on the need to continue the process of consultations.

Accordingly, the European Union and Turkey have agreed to extend the 90-day period foreseen in Article 8 paragraph 2 of the Agreement on Safeguards and Article XIX:3(a) of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 until 30 June 2021.

This agreement will fully preserve Turkey's and the European Union's reciprocal rights and obligations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 and the Agreement on Safeguards.