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Dear Mr Guinabert, Dear Mr Espada,

Thank you for your letter of 29 January concerning the safeguard measure on certain steel products.

As you may be aware by now, the Commission has initiated a review investigation to assess whether the measure should be prolonged beyond 30 June 2021.

In the framework of this investigation, all interested parties are invited to submit comments and any evidence they may deem relevant for the Commission's analysis. I take the opportunity to encourage you to share the elements and proposals included in your letter and submit them in the framework of the review investigation so that due process is respected, inter alia that other parties have the possibility to comment on them.

It is fundamental that the Commission receives input from the stakeholders so that it obtains as good an understanding as possible of the current situation in the Union steel market and of the impact that an eventual prolongation or expiry of the current measure would have.

I am aware that the interests of companies within the Union are divergent, depending on whether they are producers or users, such as distributors and processors. However, as it has been the case since the beginning of the safeguard proceedings in 2018, the Commission will do its utmost to strike an adequate balance amongst the many, and often opposing, interests at stake.

On the basis of the assessment of the information received from stakeholders, the final determination, following a vote by the EU Member States, will be made before the end of June 2021.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the initials 'V. DL' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Valdis Dombrovskis