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Dear Commissioner Malmström

Re Imports of steel from China

Imports of steel from China entering the UK are being sold at a price lower than the cost of production. It is clear that China is dumping.

This has consequences. Already SSI has been forced to cut 2,200 jobs in the UK, and Tata Steel a further 1,200 jobs.

Robrecht Himpe, the president of Eurofer - the European Steel Association - wrote in a letter to the *Times* (22 October 2015) that "anti-dumping actions against China by major economies have increased by 60 per cent since 2010." He wrote further that the EU's process for implementing trade-defence measures against Chinese steel dumping "is far too slow and is resulting in the closures and job losses we have seen in the UK in the past week."

In light of the above, I urge you as Trade Commissioner to effect anti-dumping duties on imports of steel from China entering the EU. These anti-dumping tariffs must be fully proportionate to be able to safeguard the UK steel industry (as well as the steel industry in other EU member states) from further damage occasioned by anticompetitive practices on the part of steel producers in China.

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