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**Member of the European
Commission for Trade
Ms. Cecilia Malmström**

Dear Commissioner Malmström,

The Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine presents its compliments to you and expresses its gratitude for the support and actions undertaken by the European Union aimed at stabilizing situation in Ukraine.

We also appreciate that in the framework of expiry review of the anti-dumping measures maintained on imports of certain welded tubes and pipes of iron or non-alloy steel originating, *inter alia*, in Ukraine, the European Commission concluded that these measures should be repealed.

Taking into account deepening of trade and political relations between the European Union and Ukraine, we would like to bring to your attention the following matter.

By Regulation (EC) No 1796/1999, the Council of the European Union imposed a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of steel ropes and cables originating in the People's Republic of China, India, South Africa and Ukraine. After two expiry reviews in 2005 and 2010, these measures remained in force only for the imports from Ukraine and China.

On 28 August 2014, the Ukrainian manufacturer of the product concerned Public Joint-Stock Company "Stalkanat-Silur" applied to the European Commission asking to initiate an interim review.

Public Joint-Stock Company "Stalkanat-Silur" is the only producer of steel ropes and cables in Ukraine which used to employ 3000 workers and was one of the leading producers across the CIS and Europe. The production facilities of the Company are located in Odessa and Khartsyzk (Donetsk region).

Due to the continuing unprecedented security challenges accompanied by the warlike activities in the East of Ukraine, "Stalkanat-Silur" has lost access to its production



facilities located in Donetsk region for the indefinite period. Consequently, the actual production output of the Company has been reduced by almost 60%. Thus, “Stalkanat-Silur” has been unable to meet the domestic demand for steel ropes and cables and its export abilities have become irrelevant.

In this connection on 28 July 2014, the Company applied to the European Commission asking to temporarily suspend the application of antidumping duties imposed on imports of steel ropes and cables originating in Ukraine in view of the changed circumstances.

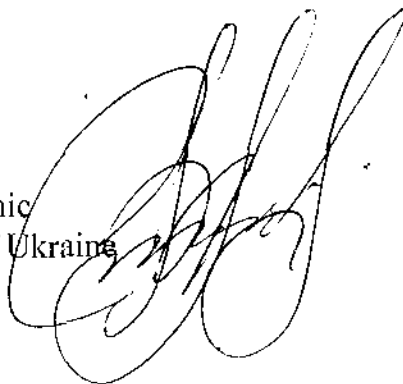
In this regard Ukrainian side would like to refer to the Commission Regulation (EEC) of November 12, 1992 No 3296/92 pursuant to which the European Commission temporarily suspended the application of anti-dumping duties against imports of certain pipes and tubes from Croatia because its production and export activities had been severely hampered by the warlike activities. We ask the European side to do the same for Ukraine, i.e. to suspend the application of antidumping duties imposed on imports of steel ropes and cables originating in Ukraine.

On behalf of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, I would like to express hope that your assistance will be helpful in solving the abovementioned issue and enhancing further cooperation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, which is of a great importance to Ukraine. Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Valeriy PIATNYTSKYI
Acting Minister of Economic
Development and Trade of Ukraine

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