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Dear Premier,

We would like to thank you for your hospitality in Beijing during the EU-China Summit earlier this week. We are grateful for the open and honest discussions that we were able to have. They reflect the depth of the strategic EU-China partnership, and the importance that we attach to it.

During our restricted session, we exchanged views concerning the problem of overcapacity in the steel sector. Excess capacity is a global issue that requires a collective response. We appreciated the first measures that China, as the most important steel producer in the world, has taken to reduce its production.

At the Summit we decided to set up a bilateral platform on steel and agreed it should have a broad mandate so as to cover all relevant issues. This includes subsidies and other types of support from governments or government-sponsored institutions that can cause market distortions and contribute to global excess capacity. The platform should also be used to monitor and verify commitments taken in this regard.

We believe that the first meeting of the platform should take place in September in Brussels. President Juncker has designated the Commissioner for Trade, Ms Cecilia Malmström, to lead the process on behalf of the European Commission. We would appreciate if you could also designate a person from your government to personally support this important process.

Sincerely yours,

For the European Council

Donald Tusk

For the European Commission

Jean-Claude Juncker

H.E. Mr Li Keqiang
Premier of the State Council of
The People's Republic of China