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Executive Vice-President and Trade Commissioner

Ambassador Katherine Tai
U.S. Trade Representative

Brussels, 19 July 2023

Honourable Mr Dombrovskis,
Honourable Ambassador Katherine Tai,

Object: The American and European aluminium industries jointly urge the progress of negotiations to ensure the timely and effective delivery of the Global Sustainable Arrangement on Aluminium.

European Aluminium and the Aluminum Association, the associations representing the aluminium industry in Europe and the United States, call on policymakers to reach a deal on the Global Sustainable Arrangement on Aluminium (GSA) by October 2023.

If designed correctly, the GSA can enhance the sustainability of the aluminium industry on both sides of the Atlantic and beyond. It is in fact a strategic tool with the potential to incentivise decarbonisation in every region in the world. However, efforts to tackle global warming in the U.S. and the EU will be dangerously undermined if they are not accompanied by measures to curb unfair trade practices by countries that do not adhere to market economy principles.

We therefore stress that any agreement must be based on the twin ambitions of promoting decarbonisation and encouraging fair and transparent market behaviour. We also stress the need to ensure that relevant and aluminium-specific benchmarks and methodologies are established with these overarching goals in mind. It is also critical that the agreement is open to like-minded partners such as Canada and European Free Trade Association countries.

As trade relations deteriorate worldwide, any restrictions among long-standing and responsible partners will only harm aluminium producers worldwide. A well-designed GSA agreement should recognise and incentivise the low carbon, market-driven aluminium industries in GSA party countries ensuring a level-playing field within the GSA as regards climate-related costs. Further, the agreement should set reasonable targets and benchmarks for non-party countries so that they can join the agreement, or face measures for high carbon, non-competitive imports. This will ensure that non-party countries do not jeopardize aluminium production in GSA member countries.

We hope this input will be helpful for the smooth progress of negotiations. As always, our associations look forward to working with you on this crucial matter.

Yours sincerely,

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Paul Voss
European Aluminium
Director General

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Charles Johnson
The Aluminum Association
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