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to the Commission

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Subject: Stepping up trade defence instruments

On a daily basis, we can see European industry really being squeezed by Chinese production overcapacity, falling domestic demand and pressure from US tariffs. Circumvention of adopted measures and unfair practices by third countries are on the rise.

European companies' increasing use of trade defence measures is proof of this – steel, white corundum, ferroalloys, etc.: there is no shortage of examples. For instance, 47 anti-dumping or anti-subsidy measures are in force or under investigation with regard to the European chemicals sector.

Europe must be less ingenuous when it comes to international trade. It must wake up before it becomes an industrial desert.

Would the Commission therefore consider:

1. Implementing safeguarding measures more quickly and systematically by using accelerated investigation procedures for products that are constantly under strain?
2. Allowing small and medium-sized enterprises to more efficiently apply for and use trade defence instruments, which are often not an option under the current complaint-submission criteria?

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