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**Subject: Market Economy Status China and the imperative need to maintain effective anti-dumping methodologies.**

To the attention of President Donald Tusk

Cc: High Representative/Vice President Federica Mogherini, Mr Piotr Serafin, Mr Pawel Karbownik, Ms Alina Butuliga

*AEGIS Europe calls on the G7 governments to take coordinated action to give full meaning to Section 15 of China's WTO Accession Protocol after December 2016.*

Dear President Tusk,

Despite commitments made by China when it joined the WTO nearly 15 years ago, the full transformation of China into a market economy remains fundamentally unfinished business. This is especially evident in the area of international trade where China's rise to the world's leading exporter has been accompanied by China's position as the country most subject to trade defence actions.

With the issue of China's treatment in anti-dumping investigations after December 2016 at the forefront of many G7 governments' trade agendas, there have been ongoing discussions between European institutions.

In that regard, the European Parliament last week overwhelmingly approved a resolution opposing the unilateral grant of MES to China, and urging G7 coordination on "how best to ensure that all provisions of Section 15 of China's Accession Protocol to the WTO that remain in force after 2016 are given full legal meaning under their domestic procedures".

AEGIS Europe, the alliance of manufacturing industries in Europe, fully supports these messages, and calls upon the G7 governments to unite behind the maintenance of dumping calculation methodologies which can efficiently and effectively address all unfair dumping practices by Chinese producers.

In this regard, while the expiry of one subparagraph of Section 15 is clear and set for 11 December 2016, it is equally evident that the remainder of Section 15 of China's WTO Accession Protocol continues to have effect after that date, and to allow the use of alternative dumping calculation methodologies not based on Chinese prices and costs.

We in AEGIS Europe applaud G7 moves to show leadership in resisting unjustified demands for treating China as a market economy when it clearly is not one and we call on the G7 governments to take coordinated action on this matter.

Sincerely,



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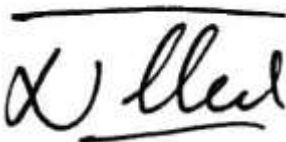
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