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Dear Sir,

**COMMENTS ON THE EXTENSION OF SAFEGUARD MEASURES BY THE UNITED KINGDOM ON IMPORTS OF CERTAIN STEEL PRODUCTS**

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Reference is made to the notification made by the Government of the United Kingdom to the WTO Safeguard Committee on 21 February 2024 pursuant to Articles 12.1(b) of the Agreement on Safeguards concerning its decision to extend the safeguard measure (SGM) on certain steel imports.

2. The Government of Malaysia (GOM) would like to take this opportunity to express our profound concerns on the extension of the SGM which appears to be unreasonable. GOM wishes to accentuate that based on the WTO AOS, the SGM are emergency actions and therefore need to be applied for a limited period unless the SGM is necessary to prevent or remedy serious injury to the domestic industry.

3. In addition to that, the implication of the SGM extension may injure the domestic industry players in Malaysia as they would lose their competitive advantage and subsequently affecting the overall bilateral trade relations between both countries. GOM is confident that the Government of United Kingdom will give its greatest dedication and expertise in complying with international obligations on trade remedies, specifically the WTO AOS.

4. We greatly appreciate your consideration on this matter and we look forward to working closely with TRA in enhancing the trade relations between Malaysia and the United Kingdom. GOM would also like to request that any updates or future correspondence or queries to be addressed to:

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Thank you.

Regards,



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