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SUMMARY STATEMENT OF INTENT

To: Trade Remedies Authority (TRA), United Kingdom

Case: AS0079 – Anti-Subsidy Investigation (Limestone from Portugal)

Interested Party: ASSIMAGRA – Portuguese Association of Mineral Resources Industry

1. Legal Standing and Purpose ASSIMAGRA, as the National Employers' Association for the Portuguese mineral resources sector, hereby declares its formal intent to participate in investigation AS0079. Our intervention is strictly guided by the principle of Ensuring Compliance with International Trade Law, specifically the WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (ASCM) and the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA).

2. Monitoring of Procedural Fairness and Legal Standard As a representative body of the industrial sector, ASSIMAGRA intends to act as a guardian of the legal standards applicable to this proceeding. We will monitor the investigation to ensure that:

- Definition of Subsidy: Any finding of "subsidy" adheres strictly to Article 1 of the ASCM, requiring a financial contribution by a government that confers a specific benefit.
- Green Box Compliance: Incentives related to environmental transition (such as the "Sustainable by Stone" initiative under the PRR) are recognized as non-distortive investments in sustainability, aligned with international climate goals and not as actionable subsidies.

3. Product Scope and Material Injury Standards ASSIMAGRA will provide technical evidence to ensure that the TRA maintains a rigorous standard in its Like Product analysis. We intend to demonstrate that Portuguese architectural limestone and UK monumental stone constitute different market segments. A failure to distinguish these would lead to a flawed injury determination, contrary to international jurisprudence.

4. Contribution to the Economic Interest Test (EIT) In accordance with the Trade Act 2018, ASSIMAGRA will provide factual data to the TRA to assess whether the imposition of measures would be disproportionate or contrary to the UK's broader economic interests. Our intent is to ensure that the supply chain of the UK construction industry is not unlawfully penalized by measures that fail the "interest of the public" standard.

5. Commitment to Transparency ASSIMAGRA is committed to providing accurate, verifiable, and systemic data to assist the TRA in reaching a decision based on Rule of Law and Evidence-Based Policy, rather than protectionist pressures.

Respectfully submitted,

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