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Subject: Survival of the European steel industry and Sestao ACB

The EU is the world's second largest steel producer, with an output of over 177 million tonnes of steel per year. Nevertheless, the European steel industry has been weakened by the mass inflow into the EU of Chinese steel at below-market prices, owing to Chinese government aid for the sector. This has resulted in the closure of several European production centres and the temporary closure of several steelworks such as the ACB plant in Sestao, with the consequent direct and indirect job losses.

If we are to safeguard the industry's future in Europe, it is vital to lodge complaints and block unfair imports of steel, in particular from China, and to implement the action plan for a competitive and sustainable steel industry.

Can the Commission give a commitment to speed up the ongoing investigations into certain steel products unfairly imported from China, with the aim of imposing urgent anti-dumping measures that will prevent the definitive closure of steelworks and safeguard the future of the European steel industry?

What progress has been made on implementing the 2013 action plan for a competitive and sustainable steel industry?

What steps will the Commission take in the coming months?