

**Question for written answer E-004197/2019**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Unfair steel competition from Turkey

The increased global steel production capacity of many emerging countries, in addition to the introduction of duties to reduce import volumes, has led to the closure of many production plants in Europe.

The safeguard measures taken by the Commission, designed to limit the use of global steel per country, have proven insufficient to help the sector, also in view of a strong decline in the demand for steel in Europe.

In spite of this, Turkey has tripled its exports to Europe – from 12 % in 2016 to 41 % in 2019 – both because of the state aid that the Turkish government has been granting its producers and because of systematic dumping.

In the light of the above, will the Commission say what it intends to do in order to:

1. limit to 15% the amount of global steel quotas that each single country can use;
2. abolish the mechanism whereby unused quota allocations can be transferred to subsequent periods, at least for some products with particularly high residual quota volumes;
3. highlight the advantage given to Turkey through its state aid and dumping and reduce the current increase to 3 % of the quantities subject to safeguard measures.