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Dear Mr. Benedetti,

Thank you for your letter to my colleagues dated 7 April 2025 on the EU response to the US tariffs of 12 March 2025.

The Commission deeply regrets the US decision to impose tariffs on EU imports, which are unjustified, disruptive to transatlantic trade, and harmful to businesses and consumers.

We took note of your confidential submission to the EU Information Gathering. The Commission has assessed all (over 660) submissions received on the proposed list of US products to which EU countermeasures should apply. In this complex assessment, the Commission took a holistic approach in line with the provisions of the Enforcement Regulation No 654/2014.¹ The Commission made the necessary adjustments to avoid unnecessary economic disruptions to EU supply chains. When substantiated, the Commission decided to exclude such products. This concerned also certain wood products.

The final EU countermeasures were adopted on 14 April 2025.² In light of the decision by the US to delay by 90 days its country-specific universal tariffs on EU exports at a level of 20% while keeping in place the 10% baseline tariff, the EU has decided to put its countermeasures on €21 billion of US exports on hold for the same length of time.³ This gesture of goodwill will give time for negotiations to proceed. If, however, the talks are not satisfactory, the EU countermeasures will come into force on 14 July.

We are also very conscious that tariffs are detrimental to businesses, workers and citizens on both sides of the Atlantic and remain committed to have a stable and functional trade relationship with the United States and to avoid unnecessary disruptions. Therefore, the

¹ Regulation (EU) No 654/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 concerning the exercise of the Union's rights for the application and enforcement of international trade rules and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 3286/94 laying down Community procedures in the field of common commercial policy in order to ensure the exercise of the Community's rights under international trade rules, in particular those established under the auspices of the World Trade Organization, *OJ L*, 189, 27.6.2014, p. 50, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2014/654/oj>.

² Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/778 of 14 April 2025 on commercial rebalancing measures concerning certain products originating in the United States of America and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/886, *OJ L*, 2025/778, 14.4.2025, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2025/778/oj.

³ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/786 of 14 April 2025 suspending commercial rebalancing measures concerning certain products originating in the United States imposed by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/778 and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/2882, *OJ L*, 2025/786, 14.4.2025, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2025/786/oj.

Commission will continue to actively engage and seek a negotiated solution with the United States.

Yours Sincerely

[e-signed]

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