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AND THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC**

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-The Association Council -

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from :	Mr. Lubomír DURŽO, Co-secretary of the Association Council, Mission of the Slovak Republic to the European Communities
dated :	16 April 2002
to :	Mr. Gabriele SCARAMUCCI, Co-Secretary of the Association Council, General Secretariat of the EU Council

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Subject :	Safeguard measures against imports of certain steel products to the European Union
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Please find attached a copy of the Note Verbale of the Mission of the Slovak Republic to the European Communities, by which the Slovak Republic asks for holding consultations with the European Commission, in respect to the Commission Regulation No. 560/2002 of 27 March 2002 imposing provisional safeguard measures against imports of certain steel products and the initiation of the safeguard investigation concerning imports of certain steel products (Commission Notice of 28 March 2002).

(complimentary close)

(signature)

L. Duržo

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MISSION OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC  
TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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NOTE VERBALE

The Mission of the Slovak Republic to the European Communities presents its compliments to the Association Council and has the honour to refer to the Commission Regulation No. 560/2002 of 27 March 2002 imposing provisional safeguard measures against imports of certain steel products and Notice of initiation of safeguard investigation concerning imports of certain steel products.

Recalling the provisions of the Europe Agreement establishing the association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, It and the Slovak Republic, of the other part, and in particular Art. 34 thereof, the Slovak Republic states that it has not received the official information from the European Commission related to the introduction of the respective provisional safeguard measures as well as the opening of safeguard investigation. The Slovak Republic considers this fact as a breach of the application of the Europe Agreement and invites the European Commission for immediate notification of these measures to the Association Council.

The import of certain steel products originating in the Slovak Republic is currently subject to the application of double-checking monitoring system. Moreover the European Commission has not provided any substantial evidence that the Slovak imports would cause or threaten to cause serious injury to domestic producers or serious disturbances in steel sector or difficulties, which could bring serious deterioration in the internal market of the European Union. The Slovak Republic therefore considers the imposition of the safeguard measures as being not justified.

Whereas the substantial part of Slovak exports of the steel products concerned to the European Union is subject to the application of the respective provisional safeguard measures as well as safeguard investigation, the Slovak Republic, in line with procedures laid down in Art. 34 (2) of the Europe Agreement request for holding the immediate consultations, in order to reach satisfactory solution with the aim to maintain the traditional trade flows of the steel products.

The Mission of the Slovak Republic to the European Communities avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Association Council the assurances of its highest consideration.

Brussels, April 16, 2002

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