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Attention: Mrs. Catherine de Fontenay and Mr. Barry Sterland

**Subject : The Government of Indonesia's Response to the Interim Report on the Inquiry into Safeguard Measures Against Imports of Fabricated Structural Steel (FSS)**

Dear Mrs. Danielle Wood,

The Government of Indonesia (the GOI) extends its compliments on the release of the Productivity Commission's (the Commission) Interim Report on the Fabricated Structural Steel Safeguard Investigation.

The GOI supports the Commission's interim report, confirming that the WTO's strict conditions for imposing safeguard measures on fabricated structural steel have not been met. The available data does not meet the legal and evidentiary thresholds for extraordinary circumstances.

The investigation does not demonstrate the required sudden and significant surge in imports, as recent trade flows align with historical market trends rather than showing a sustained increase. Additionally, the evidence does not support claims of serious injury or imminent threat to the Australian domestic industry, which has shown financial and operational growth while adapting to market changes.

Safeguard measures are exceptional remedies. Implementing them without a justified surge in imports or proven industry injury would distort trade flows and increase costs for key downstream sectors. Indonesia respectfully requests that the Australian Government consider these findings in its final report and conclude the investigation without imposing safeguard measures.

The GOI avails itself of this opportunity to renew its assurances to the Commission of its highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Director of Trade Defense

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