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Cabinet of Executive Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis

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Video-meeting with EU Rerollers Platform on CBAM

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MINUTES

Participants:

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Minutes of the meeting:

CAB gave an update of the CBAM legislative process development process. The Commission is currently discussing the draft impact assessment and no preferred option has been set. The EURR noted that their position on CBAM rests on three principles: (i) Allow for an individual importer adjustment, (ii) Cover full value chain, and (iii) Account for effective carbon price. CAB noted that on individual adjustments, the issues we need to take into account are fairness as well as administrative burden. On the latter, the EURR gave the view that steel companies can handle any administrative burden if underlying CBAM methodology is clear and defined. On value chains, CAB noted that it will be important to avoid possibilities for circumvention, while on effective carbon pricing, we may need to consider a transitionary period. EURR noted that a company's carbon footprint will be very important for the success of CBAM. On this, one of the EURR's members, noted that much of its production is located close to the mine in a third country and that the footprint of its steel is approximately 1920 kg CO₂/ per tonne product. EURR noted that significant investments will be needed and that – in the absence of free allowances – such investment would require an ETS price of 80 euros. The meeting concluded with both sides agreeing to stay in touch in the

coming months and with EURR inviting the Commission to send any further questions it may have.