

**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.1(A) OF THE AGREEMENT
ON SAFEGUARDS ON INITIATION OF AN INVESTIGATION
AND THE REASONS FOR IT**

**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.4 OF THE AGREEMENT
ON SAFEGUARDS BEFORE TAKING A PROVISIONAL
SAFEGUARD MEASURE REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 6**

**NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 12.1(C)
OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS**

Questions Posed by MEXICO
Regarding the Notifications of POLAND¹

The following communication, dated 19 May 2003, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Mexico.

Mexico would like to ask the **Government of Poland** the following questions relating to the application of a definitive measure to imports of certain steel products (G/SG/N/6/POL/4, G/SG/N/7/POL/1 and G/SG/N/10/POL/1), as a follow-up to those asked at the October 2002 meeting.

1. Why was Mexico not considered to be a developing country, in spite of the fact that, on the basis of the principle of self-denomination, it considers itself as such (see Mexico's Protocol of Accession to the WTO) and is also recognized as such by other multilateral bodies, for example, the World Bank?
2. According to the official information furnished by the Government of Poland, Mexico, in addition to being a developing country pursuant to point 1 above, did not export during the period of investigation.
3. In view of the above, would the Government of Poland please explain why Mexico was not exempted from application of the measure under Article 9.1 of the Agreement on Safeguards.

In this respect, Mexico wishes to express its concern that some Members should use criteria other than those of the WTO for the purposes of exclusion under Article 9.1 of the Agreement on Safeguards. It also wishes to clarify that the fact that Mexico is an Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development member country does not alter its developing country status.

¹ G/SG/N/6/POL/4, G/SG/N/7/POL/1 and G/SG/N/10/POL/1