

## **EU-Japan Joint Statement**

Paris, 31 May 2018

- Minister Seko and Commissioner Malmstrom exchanged views on developments regarding Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962.
- Both ministers shared their serious concern regarding the additional tariffs or quotas on steel and aluminum, which they consider are not justified under national security grounds.
- Moreover, both ministers concurred that the measures under consideration in the investigation on autos and auto parts, if imposed, would have a major restrictive impact affecting a very substantial part of global trade. This would cause serious turmoil in the global market and could lead to the demise of the multilateral trading system based on WTO rules. Both ministers also confirmed their intention to cooperate closely in discussing these concerns with the United States and call on other like-minded countries to join their efforts.