



Briefing on the Disruption of the Nord Stream Pipeline, 21 February 2023

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I begin by thanking Under Secretary-General DiCarlo for her briefing.

The damage to the Nord Stream 1 and 2 pipelines last September, resulting in dangerous leaks into international waters in the Baltic Sea, gives rise to serious safety and environmental concerns.

All available information indicates that these leaks were the result of a deliberate act. Any deliberate disruption of energy infrastructure is dangerous and irresponsible, particularly in the midst of a global energy crisis. The weaponization of energy and infrastructure is unacceptable.

The damage from these leaks threatened to deprive Europe of a key route for the delivery of a crucial energy resource. Furthermore, the damage placed increased strain on global energy markets, already affected by the Russia's war against Ukraine. This impacts not only the countries who received energy through the Nord Stream pipeline, but also has repercussions for developing countries around the world. The incident highlights the vulnerability of critical energy infrastructure.

Malta underlines its solidarity with Denmark, Sweden and Germany and strongly supports the ongoing investigations to establish the full truth



behind the leaks. We welcome the letter circulated by Denmark, Sweden and Germany, providing an update on these investigations. Malta once again condemns any deliberate disruption of energy infrastructure.

Let us not be distracted today from the sheer extent of the damage that Russia's war of aggression have caused in Ukraine, particularly to civilians. Attacks directed against civilians and objects indispensable to the survival of the civilian population are prohibited under international humanitarian law. Malta condemns such attacks in the strongest possible terms.

I thank you.