



Security Council briefing on the Disruption of the Nord Stream Pipeline, 26 September 2023

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Thank you, Madam President.

Malta reiterates its strong condemnation at the act of sabotage targeting the Nord Stream 1 and 2 pipelines that occurred in September 2022. Such actions pose a serious threat to energy security and regional stability. Our position against any form of disruption to critical energy infrastructure is a clear and long-standing one.

The subsequent leaks have also presented a substantial threat to the nations directly involved and to the environment. They have compromised a critical conduit for the transportation of a crucial energy resource. They have exacerbated the challenges faced by developing nations and global energy markets, already strained as a consequence of Russia's aggression against Ukraine. This incident serves as a stark reminder of the vulnerabilities inherent in essential energy infrastructure.

On 10 July, Denmark, Germany, and Sweden sent another joint letter to the Security Council regarding the status of ongoing investigations into the explosions. In the same letter, they reiterated their commitment to investigating the sabotage comprehensively.



This Council cannot ignore the fact that the nature of these acts is unprecedented. Investigations are complex, and this is something that we should all be able to agree to and acknowledge.

Meanwhile, Malta has no reason to believe that they are not being conducted meticulously, in line with fundamental principles of the rule of law and independent from political interference. We reiterate our full confidence in their impartiality and credibility.

Persistent claims that enough time has passed to establish the truth are groundless. Such speculation only creates distrust and suspicion among states. Furthermore, the countries in question have all the necessary means, resources, and expertise to conduct their own investigations. Introducing further investigations at this juncture seriously risks being counterproductive.

I thank you, Madam President