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I thank ASG Jenca and Ms Niyazberdiyeva for their briefings. I also thank Mr Johnson for sharing his views.

Malta has repeatedly expressed condemnation and concern for the act of sabotage against the Nord Stream gas pipelines, as well as any hostile act against civilian infrastructure. These attacks posed a threat to energy security in Europe and had grave environmental consequences.

However, given the lack of new relevant information, we do not understand the need for another Council meeting at this stage. The German national investigations are still ongoing and need time to process all the information handed over by the Swedish and Danish authorities.



We have full confidence that they are being conducted in a professional and impartial manner, in line with the fundamental principles of international law.

In this regard, the Council should refrain from any action that could, in any way, seek to impose timelines, undermine their proceedings, or prejudice their results. To this end, introducing further investigations at this time could be counterproductive.

The same is true for the Danish and Swedish investigations, which both concluded that there were no grounds to proceed. The Danish authorities confirmed the early findings that the explosions of the two gas pipelines constituted, and I quote, 'a deliberate act of sabotage'. However, having occurred outside of Denmark's territorial water, they determined the lack of sufficient grounds to pursue a criminal case in the country.

Malta has always engaged constructively on this file, and will continue to do so. At the same time, any initiative by this Council must be rooted in the full respect of the ongoing national investigations, and not risk delegitimising them.