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Letter dated 21 February 2023 from the Permanent Representatives of Denmark, Germany and Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

We have the honour to transmit to you information regarding the explosions on the Nord Stream 1 and 2 pipelines (see annex).

We would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council, in connection with the briefing on Tuesday, 21 February 2023, under the item entitled “Threats to international peace and security”.

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Annex to the letter dated 21 February 2023 from the Permanent Representatives of Denmark, Germany and Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Denmark, Germany and Sweden would like to provide the following information regarding the explosions on the Nord Stream 1 and 2 pipelines on 26 September 2022, in continuation of the letter dated 29 September from the Permanent Representatives of Denmark and Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council.

The respective national authorities of Denmark, Germany and Sweden have launched investigations to bring full clarity to what has happened and why. The investigations are conducted in line with fundamental principles of the rule of law. The investigations have established that there has been extensive damage to Nord Stream 1 and 2 and that the damage was caused by powerful explosions due to sabotage.

In Denmark, the Copenhagen Police and the Danish Security and Intelligence Service have established a joint investigation group to handle the further investigation.

In Sweden, the investigation into the Nord Stream events is being conducted by the Swedish Security Service and is headed by a National Security Unit prosecutor.

In Germany, the Office of the Federal Prosecutor has launched a criminal investigation in the context of the explosions on the Nord Stream pipelines, with a view to establishing if a crime of anti-constitutional sabotage under section 88 of the German Criminal Code and other crimes have been committed.

These investigations have not yet been concluded. At this point, it is not possible to say when they will be concluded. The authorities of Denmark, Germany and Sweden have been in dialogue regarding the investigation of the gas leaks, and the dialogue will continue to the relevant extent.

The Russian authorities have been informed regarding the ongoing investigations.

The environmental damages are considered to be local and limited to the areas affected by the leaks. The consequences as concerns greenhouse gas emissions are substantial and worrisome.

We reiterate that deliberate acts such as those committed against the Nord Stream pipelines are unacceptable, endanger international security and give cause for deep concern.

The information set out above has been communicated publicly by the Governments of Denmark, Germany and Sweden.
