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Consultation in accordance with Articles 4 and 5 of the Espoo Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) for the Nord Stream 2 project

In a letter dated 8 April 2013 Sweden notified your country, in accordance with Article 3 of the Espoo Convention, of the project by Nord Stream AG, at the moment Nord Stream 2 AG, to construct and operate a natural gas pipeline through the Baltic Sea linking Russia and Germany and crossing the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of Finland, Sweden and Denmark and the territorial water of Denmark.

The letter stated that the gas pipeline project could be found as item 8 (large-diameter oil and gas pipe-lines) on the list of activities in Appendix I to the Espoo Convention that are likely to cause significant adverse transboundary impact. Thus, an environmental impact assessment procedure had to be performed according to the Convention.

In this procedure, Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Finland considered themselves as Parties of Origin under the Convention. The Russian Federation is a signatory, but not a Party, to the Espoo Convention. However, Russia has acted and will continue to act as a Party of Origin in so far as it is possible according to its legislation. All nine Baltic Sea states, including Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland, were regarded as Affected Parties under the Espoo Convention.

In the letter your country was kindly asked to indicate whether you intended to participate in the EIA procedure, provide comments concerning the scope of the assessment of the environmental impacts of the project on your EEZ and territory, and submit any comments you might receive from the public in your country.

Sweden received your response where you indicated your wish to participate in the EIA procedure. The comments given by the Parties during the notification phase have been forwarded to the developer to take them into account in the environmental report.

The developer, Nord Stream 2 AG, has now prepared an environmental impact assessment in two binders, "Espoo Report" and "Espoo Atlas". As indicated in the letter of 8 April 2013, Sweden hereby – in accordance with the provisions of the Espoo Convention – sends the assessment documentation to you in order to give you the opportunity for consultations and public participation (Articles 4 and 5). Additionally, the Swedish National EIA report which focuses on impacts within Sweden will be at your disposal (in Swedish).

Referring to Article 4.2, Germany, Sweden, Finland and the Russian Federation have decided on a common starting point for the public participation and consultation. These Parties of Origin would like to draw your attention to the obligation of the concerned parties to arrange for distribution of the documentation to the authorities and the public in the areas likely to be affected.

For your information, the general public, NGOs and the authorities are entitled to comment on the EIA documentation from the 7th of April until the 5th of June 2017. An information meeting will take place in Stockholm the 2th of May 2017.

Sweden kindly asks you to submit your comments no later than 30th June 2017 and to

- provide comments concerning the assessment of the environmental impacts of the project affecting your country
- submit any comments you might receive from the public and the authorities in your country, and


Please send your comments to

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On behalf of the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency,



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Enclosures

Espoo Report and Espoo Atlas, April 2017, by Nord Stream 2. The EIA documentation can be downloaded from the website <https://www.nord-stream2.com/permitting-espoo/> and the documentation is also enclosed on a memory stick (USB). You will also receive the EIA documentation directly from Nord Stream 2 AG. The documents will be in English and your national language.

Additionally National EIA documentation if needed:

Nord Stream 2 AG: The Swedish national Environmental impact assessment report of the Nord Stream 2 can also be downloaded in Swedish from the website <https://www.nord-stream2.com/permitting-sweden/swedish-permit-application/>

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