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*Dear Honourable Member,*

*I would like to thank you and the co-signatories for your letter of 30 March 2017 expressing your concerns regarding the Nord Stream 2 project.*

*The European Commission is fully committed to pursuing the objectives of the Energy Union strategy. In this context, the Commission is promoting diversification and competitive gas markets in the EU. In order to complete the internal energy market, the Commission supports infrastructure projects of common interest, which improve the interconnectivity between the Member States.*

*Furthermore, the Commission, together with the Member States, is working to improve the resilience of the EU gas system to security of supply threats. To this end, the Commission has proposed a revised Regulation on security of gas supplies on which the European Parliament and the Council have recently reached an agreement.*

*As regards Nord Stream 2, the Commission considers that the project is not in line with the policy objectives of the Energy Union as it will not give access to a new supply source. Nord Stream 2, if built, cannot and should not be operated in a legal void or solely according to the law of a third country.*

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*As a result a special legal regime respecting fundamental principles of international and EU energy law needs to be established. To this end, the Commission has, on 9 June 2017, adopted a recommendation to the Council to mandate the Commission with the negotiation of an agreement with the Russian Federation on the operation of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline, taking into account the need to mitigate potential negative impacts on the current gas transit routes, notably through Ukraine, and on the efforts of Central and Eastern European Member States to diversify and secure their gas supplies.*

*Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President for the Energy Union, and Miguel Arias Cañete, European Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy, represent the Commission in the negotiations in the Council of the proposed recommendation for a mandate.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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