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**Letter dated 29 September 2022 from the Permanent
Representatives of Denmark 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 an official document of the Security Council, in connection with the forthcoming briefing on Friday, 30 September 2022, under the item entitled “Threats to international peace and security”.

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Annex to the letter dated 29 September 2022 from the Permanent Representatives of Denmark and Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Denmark and Sweden would like to provide the following information regarding the explosions on the Nord Stream 1 and 2 pipelines.

At least two detonations occurred under water, damaging the pipelines belonging to Nord Stream 1 and 2, causing major leaks of natural gas into the Baltic Sea. The leaks were discovered on 26 September and occurred at 2.03 a.m. and 7.03 p.m.

The explosions were registered by seismological institutes and occurred in international waters. The magnitude of the explosions was measured at 2.3 and 2.1 on the Richter Scale, respectively, probably corresponding to an explosive load of several hundred kilos. Two of the leaks occurred in Denmark's exclusive economic zone and two in Sweden's exclusive economic zone.

The leaks have caused plumes of gas rising to the surface. On Thursday, 29 September, the radius of the plumes from two leaks in the Swedish exclusive economic zone was about 900 and 200 metres, respectively, while the radius of the plumes from the two leaks in the Danish exclusive economic zone was about 555 and 680 metres, respectively. They pose a risk for air and sea vessels in the area, which therefore has been restricted for maritime and air traffic. The operator of Nord Stream 1 has assessed that the leaks would continue until 2 October. A similar assessment from Nord Stream 2 remains pending.

The possible impact on maritime life in the Baltic Sea is of concern, and the climate effect would likely be very substantial due to the significant volumes of greenhouse gas that are being released into the air.

All available information indicates that those explosions are the result of a deliberate act. Such acts are unacceptable, endanger international security and give cause for our deep concern.

The respective national authorities of Denmark and Sweden are taking necessary measures, and have launched investigations to bring full clarity to what has happened and why. Cooperation with neighbouring countries will be of great importance.

The Danish and Swedish Maritime Administrations have issued a navigation warning to ships to maintain at least five nautical miles' distance from the leaks, which equals about 10 kilometres.

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

Beyond immediate safety concerns, it is of the utmost importance to fully understand the potential environmental and climate-related consequences of the leaks. Safety and environmental concerns are of the utmost priority.
