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**Letter dated 20 February 2023 from the Permanent
Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the
Security Council**

I would like to bring to your attention copies of the notes from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation dated 17 February 2023 addressed to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Denmark, the Federal Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Norway, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Sweden and the Department of State of the United States of America (see annexes I to V, respectively) on the need for an urgent investigation by the international community into the act of sabotage against the Nord Stream pipeline committed on 26 September 2022.

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annexes could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 30 (a), and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vassily Nebenzia



Annex I to the letter dated 20 February 2023 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

[Original: Russian]

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Denmark and has the honour to communicate the following.

On 26–27 September 2022, deliberate acts of sabotage were committed against the Nord Stream 1 and 2 gas pipelines in the Baltic Sea, endangering Europe’s largest energy security project and one of the most important investment projects of the Russian Federation.

Despite repeated appeals from the Russian Federation, the German, Danish and Swedish authorities are refusing to cooperate with Russia in order to identify the causes and sponsors of the terrorist attacks against the gas pipelines.

The leadership of Germany, Denmark and Sweden ignored the communications sent to their countries in October 2022 from the Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, Mr. M.V. Mishustin, regarding the participation in the investigation of representatives of the relevant Russian federal executive bodies and representatives of the Gazprom company. Requests made by the Office of the Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation to the relevant agencies were also declined.

In this regard, the suspicions that these countries are trying to conceal evidence, or to cover up the sponsors and perpetrators of these acts of sabotages, are more than justified. The information coming from a number of sources regarding the events of 26–27 September 2022 and the involvement of a number of Western countries in the acts of sabotage cannot be dismissed.

These are unprecedented terrorist attacks that undermine the foundations of economic and energy security in Europe. We insist on an independent and comprehensive international investigation involving the Russian Federation as the owner of Nord Stream 1 and 2.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation takes this opportunity to convey to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Denmark the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

Copenhagen, 17 February 2023

Annex II to the letter dated 20 February 2023 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

[Original: Russian]

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany and has the honour to communicate the following.

On 26–27 September 2022, deliberate acts of sabotage were committed against the Nord Stream 1 and 2 gas pipelines in the Baltic Sea, endangering Europe's largest energy security project and one of the most important investment projects of the Russian Federation.

Despite repeated appeals from the Russian Federation, the German, Danish and Swedish authorities are refusing to cooperate with Russia in order to identify the causes and sponsors of the terrorist attacks against the gas pipelines.

The leadership of Germany, Denmark and Sweden ignored the communications sent to their countries in October 2022 from the Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, Mr. M.V. Mishustin, regarding the participation in the investigation of representatives of the relevant Russian federal executive bodies and representatives of the Gazprom company. Requests made by the Office of the Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation to the relevant agencies were also declined.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation takes this opportunity to convey to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

Moscow, 17 February 2023

**Annex III to the letter dated 20 February 2023 from the
Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the
United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the
President of the Security Council**

[Original: Russian]

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Norway and has the honour to communicate the following.

On 26–27 September 2022, deliberate acts of sabotage were committed against the Nord Stream 1 and 2 gas pipelines in the Baltic Sea, endangering Europe’s largest energy security project and one of the most important investment projects of the Russian Federation.

Despite repeated appeals from the Russian Federation, the German, Danish and Swedish authorities are refusing to cooperate with Russia in order to identify the causes and sponsors of the terrorist attacks against the gas pipelines.

The leadership of Germany, Denmark and Sweden ignored the communications sent to their countries in October 2022 from the Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, Mr. M.V. Mishustin, regarding the participation in the investigation of representatives of the relevant Russian federal executive bodies and representatives of the Gazprom company. Requests made by the Office of the Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation to the relevant agencies were also declined.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation takes this opportunity to convey to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Norway the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

Oslo, 17 February 2023

**Annex IV to the letter dated 20 February 2023 from the
Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the
United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the
President of the Security Council**

[Original: Russian]

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Sweden and has the honour to communicate the following.

On 26–27 September 2022, deliberate acts of sabotage were committed against the Nord Stream 1 and 2 gas pipelines in the Baltic Sea, endangering Europe’s largest energy security project and one of the most important investment projects of the Russian Federation.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation takes this opportunity to convey to the Ministry the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

Moscow, 17 February 2023

Annex V to the letter dated 20 February 2023 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

[Original: Russian]

The Embassy of the Russian Federation in the United States of America presents its compliments to the Department of State of the United States of America and has the honour to transmit a note from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (enclosed).

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Department of State of the United States of America and has the honour to communicate the following.

On 26–27 September 2022, deliberate acts of sabotage were committed against the Nord Stream 1 and 2 gas pipelines in the Baltic Sea, endangering Europe’s largest energy security project and one of the most important investment projects of the Russian Federation.

Despite repeated appeals from the Russian Federation, the German, Danish and Swedish authorities are refusing to cooperate with Russia in order to identify the causes and sponsors of the terrorist attacks against the gas pipelines.

The leadership of Germany, Denmark and Sweden ignored the communications sent to their countries in October 2022 from the Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, Mr. M.V. Mishustin, regarding the participation in the investigation of representatives of the relevant Russian federal executive bodies and representatives of the Gazprom company. Requests made by the Office of the Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation to the relevant agencies were also declined.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs takes this opportunity to convey to the Department of State the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

Washington, D.C., 17 February 2023
