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Dear colleagues,

I would like to refer to our recent discussion at the European Council about the planned Nord Stream 2 pipeline and its impact on the EU's energy security. During our meeting, a number of you rightly pointed out that there are shortcomings in our energy laws, which negatively affect the EU's capabilities in dealing with external suppliers. This lack of clarity hurts our efforts to complete the Energy Union and achieve our common objectives of energy security, diversification of supplies, reduction of dependence on external suppliers, and a well-functioning internal energy market.

Therefore, the Commission has proposed a revision of the gas directive, aimed at addressing this issue. I would like to encourage you to proceed swiftly with this proposal and instruct your respective representatives to that effect. Time is of the essence, if we are to achieve the objectives of our Energy Union.

Yours sincerely,

Donald Tusk