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**Information in accordance with Article 6 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) for the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline**

The Finnish Government gave its consent today to Nord Stream 2 AG's plan to construct the Finnish section of the proposed Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline within Finland's exclusive economic zone.

This consent alone does not give authorization to applicant to engage in any actual construction work, since also a construction permit in accordance with provisions of the Water Act is a precondition for such work. The Regional State Administrative Agency for Southern Finland is processing the Nord Stream 2 AG's application for a permit for construction.

Please find enclosed the Government's decision and a press release about it. Unfortunately, the decision is currently available only in Finnish. The English version will be sent to you as soon as it has been translated.

For further information about the Government's consent please contact:

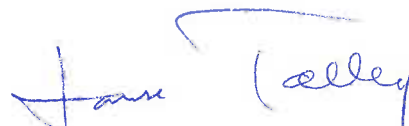
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