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to the Commission**

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Subject: Nordstream pipeline project in the Baltic

On 7 October 2015, in the plenary debate on the Nordstream 2 pipeline project, the Commissioner for Energy and Climate Change, Miguel Arias Cañete, expressed doubts concerning the project's compliance with the EU's energy security policy objectives.

The Commissioner stated: 'In the context of energy security, diversification of routes and of sources is a key. Nordstream 2 does not follow this core EU policy objective. On the contrary: if constructed, it would not only increase Europe's dependence on one supplier, but it will also increase Europe's dependence on one route. The project would dry out the transit through Ukraine, concentrate 80 % of Russian gas imports on one route and would lead to a dominant position of Gazprom on the German market by increasing its share from 40 to over 60 %.'

Taking into account the Commissioner's position as expressed above, can the Commission state what steps it intends to take in order to:

- assess whether or not the project would undermine the EU's energy security policy;
- ensure that the transit route for natural gas through Ukraine is not being endangered;
- ensure that the project would not undermine the EU's energy diversification policy or further accentuate the EU's dependence on Russian gas?