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**Consultation in accordance with Articles 4 and 5 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) for the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline**

A notification in accordance with the Espoo Convention concerning the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline project was given on 8 April 2013. In Finland's answer to this notification an indication of willingness to participate in the EIA procedures of Denmark, Germany, Sweden and the Russian Federation was presented (letter dated 14 June 2013).

Denmark, acting as the Party of Origin, submitted to Finland on 20 June 2017 the EIA Documentation of the Nord Stream 2 project, "Espoo Report and Espoo Atlas". The EIA documentation was the same documentation which was submitted by the other Parties of Origin in April 2017 and had been on public display and authorities and the public were given the opportunity to provide comments on the material. The Ministry of Environment organized supplementary public display of the EIA documentation and asked comments from various authorities and organizations on the material from 11 July to 11 September 2017. No further substantial comments were received. Finland responded to Denmark on 20 September 2017 and requested Denmark to take into consideration in the ongoing EIA and in the permitting of the project the statements and comments expressed in Finland's answer to Germany, Sweden and the Russian Federation on 30 June 2017.

In 9 October 2018, Denmark announced that the developer (Nord Stream 2 AG) has submitted an application and the relevant EIA documentation for a new north-western route crossing the Danish exclusive economic zone, and submitted to Finland the EIA Documentation and other material of the north-western route alternative.

The Ministry of Environment organized public display of the EIA documentation and other material received. Authorities and the public were given the opportunity to provide comments on the material from 19 October to 14 December 2018. The Ministry also requested comments from 58 authorities and organizations on the material. The Ministry received ten responses of which seven did not see a need to comment on the matter. Three of the responses included actual substantial comments on the project. These comments are presented here in their entirety.

**Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.** The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry states that all its previous statements regarding the issue should be taken into account. The Ministry states that particularly the negative transboundary impacts during construction phase and operation phase on fish, fishery and marine mammals have to be considered.

**Finnish Transport Agency.** The Finnish Transport Agency notes that the installation of the natural gas pipeline may cause minor harm to the flow, safety and security of Finland's foreign maritime traffic. This is why the party implementing the project must notify the Danish maritime authority of the implementation of the project in a way stated by this authority in order that the Finnish maritime traffic authorities and operators are aware of any changes to the shipping routes caused by the project well in time before the launch of the project.

**Geological Survey of Finland.** The Geological Survey of Finland considers that the project does not cause negative transboundary impacts on the abiotic marine environment in Finland.

The Ministry of the Environment wishes to bring the comments with actual substance to the attention of Denmark to take into consideration in the ongoing EIA procedure and in the permitting of the project (enclosed).

In addition, the Ministry of the Environment requests Denmark to take into consideration the statements and comments expressed in Finland's answer to Germany, Sweden and the Russian Federation on 30 June 2017 (enclosed).

Yours sincerely,

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#### Enclosures

Responses with substantial comments

Finland's answer to Germany, Sweden and the Russian Federation on 30 June 2017 and the enclosure (Comments given on the transboundary impacts).