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to the Commission**

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Subject: Attacks on critical energy infrastructure

The attack on the Nord Stream pipelines has clearly demonstrated the vulnerability of critical infrastructure. Attacks on infrastructure can have a serious impact on the Union, the Member States and their citizens. Attacks on energy infrastructure can tremendously harm the economy and disrupt people's daily lives. It is obvious that the Nord Stream pipelines are not the only vulnerable critical infrastructure exposed to attacks or other foreign interference.

On 28 September 2022, the European Union declared its deep concern about damage to the Nord Stream 1 and 2 pipelines. It also stated that it would support any investigation aimed at getting full clarity on what happened and why, and would take further steps to increase the EU's resilience in energy security. It added that any deliberate disruption of European energy infrastructure was utterly unacceptable and would be met with a robust and united response¹.

1. When will the Commission begin to conduct its own independent investigation to clarify the circumstances that led to the damage to the Nord Stream pipelines?
2. Has the Commission identified all critical European energy infrastructure that is vulnerable to attacks or foreign interference?
3. Since the attacks on the Nord Stream pipelines, what steps has the Commission taken to increase the EU's resilience in energy security?

¹ Declaration by the High Representative on behalf of the European Union on leaks in the Nord Stream gas pipelines, September 28 2022: <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/09/28/declaration-by-the-high-representative-on-behalf-of-the-european-union-on-leaks-in-the-nord-stream-gas-pipelines/>