ORAL QUESTION H-0575/07 for Question Time at the part-session in September I 2007 pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure by Danutė Budreikaitė to the Council

Subject: North European Gas Pipeline

During the German EU Presidency, a representative of that country stated that 'Nord Stream' was a project involving private companies and over which the EU had no influence.

On 15 July 2007, in an interview given to Lithuanian television, the German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier stated that Nord Stream was not a German and Russian project but a trans-European project. The EU would oppose the project if Lithuania's energy and ecological interests were damaged.

What is the opinion of the Portuguese Presidency on the matter? Is Nord Stream a private project or an EU project? What is its place in the future common EU energy policy?

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