The impact of natural gas on German-Russian relations
Relations between Russia and Germany...have been a series of alienations, distinguished for their bitterness, and of rapprochements, remarkable for their warmth....

A cardinal factor in the relationship has been the existence of an independent Poland...when separated by a buffer state the two great Powers of eastern Europe have been friendly, whereas a contiguity of frontiers has bred hostility.

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“Germany is totally controlled by Russia, because they get 60-70% of their energy through a new pipeline. It's very inappropriate.”

President Donald Trump, Brussels, July 10, 2018.

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Gas supplies from USSR/Russia to Germany

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Nord Stream 2 should not be realized. The pipeline hinders the energy security of central and eastern European countries.

Andrzej Duda, President of Poland

Our nation has always viewed Nord Stream 2 as geopolitical, politically motivated, having no economic justification and also binding hands for some European countries to pursue a free energy policy.

Dalia Grybauskaite, President of Lithuania

Implementation of Nord Stream-2 natural gas pipeline project contradicts energy security interests of the European Union (EU) and may become a policy tool of the Russian Federation.

Andrej Kiska, President of Slovakia

This purely geopolitical project of the Kremlin has nothing to do with economy and investment interest but is solely aimed at undermining the unity of the EU and, ultimately, destroying it.

Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine
The focus of implementation of Section 232 sanctions would be on persons that the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, determines knowingly, on or after August 2, 2017 made an investment that meets the fair market value thresholds in Section 232(a) and directly and significantly enhances the ability of the Russian Federation to construct energy export pipeline projects initiated on or after August 2, 2017, or sells, leases, or provides to the Russian Federation goods or services that meet the fair market value thresholds in Section 232(a) and that directly and significantly facilitate the expansion, construction, or modernization of such energy export pipelines by the Russian Federation.

Any implementation of Section 232 sanctions would seek to avoid harming the energy security of our partners or endangering public health and safety.
Thank you for your attention!

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