

Non-paper on MEASURES TO SUPPORT UKRAINE & European Energy Security

Workstream 1: Energy Security and Economic Support for Ukraine

Once the Nord Stream 2 pipeline becomes operational, it will be the fifth pipeline transporting natural gas from Russia to Western Europe (Nord Stream 1, Yamal, Transgas, Turkstream 1 and 2). The United States and Germany are united in their aim to ensure that this will not be detrimental to Ukraine's legitimate interests.

(1) Germany and the U.S. consider it a priority that Nord Stream must not jeopardize Ukraine's role as an important transit country for Russian gas.

With a view to this political imperative, Germany has facilitated the gas transit agreement between Russia and Ukraine in 2019, which is of strategic relevance for Ukraine. Germany will closely monitor the fulfilment of the obligations stemming from this agreement and will jointly with the U.S. endeavor to reach an extension on adequate economic terms beyond 2024 as envisaged in the agreement. They will make use of all available leverage, including by another German Special Envoy who would help facilitate the agreement.

(2) The U.S. and Germany are united in their support for a prosperous, modern and stable Ukraine, which should remain an essential partner for European energy supply. They, therefore, propose a Ukraine Resilience Package, including the following elements and open to participation by third countries and the EU:

- Continuation of Ukraine's role as a **gas transit** country.
- Safeguarding security of gas supply in Ukraine through **reverse flow** from EU-Member States.
- Strengthening of **cyber resilience** of Ukraine's critical infrastructure by adding Ukraine to the Cyber Capacity Building project.
- Call for and support Ukrainian efforts to **reform its energy sector, including unbundling of Naftogaz.**

Support Ukraine in the examination of the state of Ukrainian natural **gastransmission system** and in the exploration of options for its modernization in order to improve the security of supply and reduce the CO2 emissions.



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(7) Germany and the U.S. are ready to make use of appropriate instruments to counter any Russian attempts to exert pressure on EU-Member states or third countries in the energy sector, e.g. if Russia jeopardized the role of Ukraine as a transit country for gas.