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Date: 10 November 2016
Place: Brussels
Participants: Ms Cristina Lobillo Borrero, Joachim Balke and representatives of Nordstream
<p><b>SUBJECT:</b> Nordstream state of play</p> <p>Nord Stream AG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explained background behind change in ownership structure of NS consortium in summer</li><li>• Stressed that all initial project partners remained committed to the project and continue to look for ways of direct participation</li><li>• Confirmed timetable which is for Nordstream 2 to start construction in 2018 and be operational by 2019/2020</li></ul> <p>CLB replied by :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reiterated COM position on NS 2</li><li>• Mentioned ongoing reflection process in COM on clarifying legal framework for offshore pipelines</li><li>• Expressed interest to be kept updated about development of the project</li></ul>