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Subject: Invitation letter for the workshop "Italy as a hub for natural gas, LNG opportunities for maritime transport in the Mediterranean Sea" – May 13, 2016

Dear Commissioner Šefčovič,

ConferenzaGNL, an initiative held by **WEC Italy** (The Italian Member Committee of World Energy Council) and **Mirumir**, is honoured to invite you for addressing the Workshop:

"Italy as a hub for natural gas, LNG opportunities for maritime transport in the Mediterranean Sea"

which will take place in the **Italian Navy Officers Club** in the **Naval Base of Augusta**

We would appreciate if You could kindly give a speech in the opening session of the Workshop, on Friday morning of 13 May, 2016. The invitation covers also the gala dinner which will take place the night before the event in the Italian Navy Officers Club, where it is also possible to spend the night.

Your contribution will be fundamental for the understanding of both the Energy Union and the European Energy Security strategies, which rightly assign to Italy a central role in the Mediterranean region.

The Workshop will also host scheduled contributions for the most important representatives of Italian institutions and companies involved in the development of LNG for road and maritime transport and for industry and civil sectors.

ConferenzaGNL, an independent initiative that from five years promotes in Italy and in the Mediterranean area direct uses of LNG, has organized this workshop with the aim to explore the uses of LNG as a fuel in the Strait of Sicily's maritime transport and the Italy's chances of acting as a hub for natural gas in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

The Italian Navy hosting the meeting is interested in the use of LNG as fuel for their units and launched the "Green Fleet" project achieving important results. The meeting will be held at the naval base in Augusta, strategic military base engaged in maritime surveillance activities in the central Mediterranean.

The industrial District of Augusta, situated between the cities of Catania and Siracusa, facing the Island of Malta, Libya and Tunisia, is also one of the leading Italian energy areas, because of the presence of refineries, petrochemical industries and important bunkers.

We would be grateful if You could be so kind to confirm Your availability to attend the event, and would ask you, even preliminary, indication in order to close the program and start with its spreading.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards,


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