



Short debrief from a 30 minutes (physical) meeting with Equinor: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] whom I met on 13 July.

The main interest from Equinor was to learn on the state of play in implementation of the EU Arctic Policy communication, in particular on the provisions concerning the new exploration of coal, oil and gas in the Arctic. I debriefed on the state of play, also mentioning that we are still awaiting for the Council conclusions on the matter that are initially planned for October now.

Equinor expressed their position that those provisions make the situation for Equinor difficult as regards to planning future investments and in relation to business partners, investors, insurance companies, etc. And that these provisions create difficulties to implement the Joint EU-Norway statement on strengthening energy cooperation that was signed on 23 June (on the increase of supply of gas to the EU from Norway).

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