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Dear Friends of Ukraine,

Today, the White House issued an Executive Order for sanctions on Russian energy entities that have been mandated by the National Defense Authorization Acts (NDAA) of 2020 and 2021, as well as the Protecting Europe's Energy Security Act (PEESA) of 2019. When reading through the sanctions order, please note that the national security waiver remains. Below is a link to the White House Executive Order:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/08/20/executive-order-on-blocking-property-with-respect-to-certain-russian-energy-export-pipelines/>

Following the issuance of the Executive Order, the U.S. Department of State issued its statement on the imposition of sanctions on Russian energy entities. Please see link below:

<https://www.state.gov/imposition-of-sanctions-in-connection-with-nord-stream-2/>

All of this information coincides with the release of a congressionally-mandated report on entities engaged in the construction of the NordStream2 pipeline. Rep. Mike McCaul (R-TX), Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, released a statement regarding the report. For your information, a link to the Ranking Member's statement is provided below:

<https://gop-foreignaffairs.house.gov/press-release/mccaul-bidens-nord-stream-2-policy-weakening-u-s-credibility-with-friends-and-foes-alike/>

**** REMINDER - The Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS) urges you to contact the White House and your elected officials (Senators and Representatives) and express your deep concern about the NordStream2 project.*

As the Senate and the House of Representatives are on their traditional August recess and have returned to their districts, this is a good opportunity to interact with the state and district offices and arrange a meeting with your elected official (in-person or virtual) to discuss NordStream2 and other relevant Ukraine-related matters.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS) at: unis.sawkiw@gmail.com.

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