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Thank you for your friendship and also thank you for your hospitality.

As you said before, we are two governments very aligned on many topics, not only the green transition but also gender equality.

We were last April in Kiev with President Zelensky showing him the support of our societies and our governments and of course, the unity of all Member states and the European Union with Ukraine in his fight against autocracy.

And, as you mentioned before, we will have the Spanish Presidency of the European Union second semester of the year.

And I'm here also to listen from the Danish government, which are the priorities in order to incorporate them in our goals for this second semester of the year.

I do believe that this presidency will be very important. First, because we are obliged to close and to reach agreements on many important files: Migration and Asylum Pact, but also how do we respond to the war in Ukraine. How do we support President Zelensky and his government and his country. How do we strengthen our alliance with other regions. That is why we are very excited with the summit that we will convene in next July in Brussels with the Latin American countries, a region that is very close to Spain. But I think it's a strategic also for the European Union, but also North Africa, the Mediterranean countries. We are hoping to convene another summit by the end of the year.

And I'm trying to build up all together a positive agenda in order to create economic opportunities, economic development, and also to fight against smugglers and irregular migration.

And last but not least, I do believe that this Presidency could be very a very important one in order to establish concrete rules and policies to increase the European competitiveness.

Prime Minister Mette knows quite well that we've been from Spain very vocal in the need to reform the electric market, in the need to advance on a common platform in order to purchase gas from third countries and also in order to speed up the process of the green transition.

So there are many files that need to be closed before the end of the year, because next year we will have European elections.



And that is why I'm very grateful to be here and also very grateful for the Danish government to help us in order to reach these very important agreements, not for the European Union as an abstract, but for the European citizens, which at the end of the day, is our main priority.

So thank you very much.

Thank you.

P.- [Iñaki Aguado, Mediaset] Good evening, Prime Minister. My name is Iñaki Aguado, from Mediaset España. And on behalf of all the Spanish journalists here today on this tour you are claiming for strengthening the single European market. The question to both of you is to what an extent do you think you have to foster tax harmonisation, so that we don't see cases like the Spanish company Ferrovial moving from Spain to the Netherlands. In particular, Prime Minister Sánchez, I would like to listen to your analysis on this issue and if you're so kind, I would like to switch to Spanish.

Primera Ministra de Dinamarca.- That's okay.

P.- [Iñaki Aguado, Mediaset] Thank you. Thank you. Presidente Sánchez, también le quiero preguntar sobre el caso de presunta corrupción de Mediador, me gustaría preguntarle cómo piensa facilitar la investigación de este presunto caso de corrupción y qué coste electoral piensa que puede acarrearle a usted.

Presidente.- I will answer in Spanish to both questions. The first one.

Sobre este anuncio de la compañía Ferrovial.

En primer lugar, desde el Gobierno de España lo que vamos a hacer es, evidentemente, como no puede ser de otra manera, seguir la situación, ver exactamente que el anuncio que se ha hecho por parte de esa compañía pues se corresponde con la legalidad.

Y, en segundo lugar, me gustaría hacer una reflexión más general.

Y la reflexión es la siguiente. Yo creo que los empresarios juegan un papel muy importante en nuestra sociedad. Lo juegan, y así lo ha reconocido además el Gobierno de España, en momentos muy difíciles como es la pandemia y ahora también la guerra con los ERTES, con los mecanismos de ICO, que al final lo que han permitido es no solamente superar la peor emergencia sanitaria y ahora también una situación tan difícil como ésta, sino hasta incluso poder aumentar su actividad económica en estos complejos años.

Por tanto, juegan un papel muy importante en nuestra sociedad.

Creo que los empresarios también tienen una enorme responsabilidad social en la sociedad en la que nacen y desarrollan toda su acción.

Y creo que, además, en España hay ejemplos extraordinariamente positivos de grandes empresarios comprometidos con su país.

Desde luego, tras este anuncio, creo que no es el caso del señor del Pino.

Y, en relación con la segunda de las preguntas, lo diré claramente. Cuando hay una acción por parte de un responsable político que no corresponde con los estándares de ejemplaridad que se le exige por parte del Partido Socialista, la acción es clara, es rotunda, es inmediata. Es expulsión del partido y retirada del escaño.

Me gustaría que el resto de partidos políticos hicieran lo propio.

P.- I would like to ask you what exact issues are you going to work together in the coming Presidency? What would you, Mr. Sánchez want from Denmark and what does Denmark want Spain to focus on during the Presidency?

Presidente.- So from our side I think that the most important one is how do we response to this energy crises and the inflation. And fortunately, we are very aligned, because today we have signed a memorandum of understanding on the green transition.

And and this is the path, I think that the way to respond to this energy crisis and the climate change crisis is the green transition.

Fortunately, not only both governments, but also private companies, such as Maersk, has already announced a very important investment in Spain and also in Denmark in order to accelerate the green transition in very important sectors such as the maritime transport.

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