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## GERMANY BRISTLES AT US SANCTIONS THREAT OVER RUSSIA PIPELINE

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German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said Monday (10 August) he had expressed displeasure to his US counterpart Mike Pompeo about Washingtons threat of sanctions against a German port over a gas pipeline from Russia.

Speaking in Berlin as transatlantic tensions spike, Maas was asked by a reporter about a letter last week from three US senators, which pledged tough sanctions against the operators of a key German port involved in the construction of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline.

I mentioned it in a telephone call with (Secretary of State) Mike Pompeo yesterday and expressed my surprise and displeasure, he said.

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