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When I was speaking at the Baku Energy Week last time, I informed the audience that we export natural gas to eight countries. Now I'd like to inform you that the number of countries to which

we export our gas has reached 12. And this is not the end. We are still in the process of negotiations and also making investments with some countries to expand our geography. With respect to the coverage of geography by pipeline gas, I think Azerbaijan is now one of the leading countries on a global scale.

Ilham Aliyev
President
of the Republic of Azerbaijan



With all that green energy potential, we will definitely satisfy the growing needs for electricity in Azerbaijan, mainly through renewable sources, and that will save us another several billion cubic meters of gas, which will be available for export.

So, all these are positive dynamics, and we see the positive impact of our energy development not only on Azerbaijan's own potential, but also on the neighborhood.

Last year, at Baku Energy Week, several contracts totaling 1,000 megawatts of green energy were signed. This time, several contracts of several hundred megawatts of green energy will also be signed. We are continuing on that path.





Recep Tayyip Erdogan
President
of the Republic of Türkiye

“ As in previous years, I hope that the events being held within the framework of Baku Energy Week this year are successful for the two eternally brotherly countries—Türkiye and Azerbaijan—and for our region in particular.

Our close relations with dear Azerbaijan, as in all areas, continue strongly and resolutely in the energy sector. Together, we have secured many achievements in this field over the years. The global geopolitical developments experienced in recent times have once again confirmed the importance of Turkish-Azerbaijani cooperation in ensuring energy security.

I wish success to all participants of Baku Energy Week, where these dynamic conditions and developments in the energy sector will be closely discussed. I thank all those who contributed to the organization of this event.

I sincerely greet my dear brother, President Ilham Aliyev—whom I had the pleasure of meeting in Lachin last week—and all other participants of this event.

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Donald Trump
President
of the United States of America

“ The United States values its partnership with Azerbaijan and appreciates the regional energy stability that makes it possible. I look forward to our continued collaboration in this important sector. Together, we can work toward a future of greater energy independence, sustainability, and economic growth. Once again, congratulations on this momentous occasion. ”



“ This was clear at COP 29 and will doubtless be underlined once again at the 30th Baku Energy Forum, a premier event in the region’s energy calendar. With global energy demand forecast to increase by 24% out to 2050, ensuring energy accessibility and enhancing energy security while maintaining energy affordability and reducing emissions requires unprecedented collaboration and pragmatism. ”

Haitham Al Ghais
OPEC Secretary General

“ First of all, I am extremely grateful to our Azerbaijani hosts for a very successful conference. This is the 30th anniversary — I wish them all the best and many more such conferences. I think it is extremely important to understand where all of us stand in terms of energy sector developments. As we transition towards cleaner and more sustainable fuels, we must also understand how we can complement and support each other. And for that matter I think such forums are instrumental to improve our understanding and expand the spirit of cooperation amongst us. ”

Ali Pervaiz Malik
Federal Minister of Energy of
the Islamic Republic of Pakistan



“ I would like to congratulate the Ministry of Energy of Azerbaijan for their leadership in organizing the 30th Baku Energy Forum. It is really a fantastic opportunity to bring together the decision-makers, policy-makers on one hand, and companies, analysts, and experts on the other hand, stretching out from both Asia and Europe, all across, to discuss the main challenges ahead, what our priorities are, how we can better collaborate together, how we can secure gas supplies, because in Moldova, we have mentioned, we do not have gas resources. ”

Carolina Novac

State Secretary for Decarbonization at the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Moldova







2024



Good morning, ladies and gentlemen.

First of all, I would like to greet all our guests. Welcome to Azerbaijan. First of all, I would like to express gratitude to the organizers. As it was already mentioned, the Caspian Oil and Gas Exhibition started 30 years ago in 1994. This event has played an instrumental role in attracting foreign direct investments into the energy sector of Azerbaijan. Since that time, this event has transformed into a bigger event and is now called Baku Energy Week, because it embraces all the major segments of energy policy – oil, gas, upstream, downstream, and of course, green energy.

Ilham Aliyev
President
of the Republic of Azerbaijan



Coming back to this event, it was actually the first international presentation of the country's potential. As it was already mentioned, just several months after the first Caspian Oil and Gas Exhibition, the "Contract of the Century" was signed on September 20, 1994, which also was a turning point in the transformation of the country. We have managed to establish a very fruitful relationship with our investors. As a result, bp has remained for thirty years and probably will remain for at least additional 30 years as our strategic partner. bp from UK and Amoco from United States led the consortium of international oil companies back in 1994 and trusted us.

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**Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber**

Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology
of the United Arab Emirates

“ I extend the best wishes and greetings of His Excellency Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the President of the United Arab Emirates to His Excellency Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan. At the same time, I convey his greetings to the people of Azerbaijan. Taking this opportunity, I would like to thank our colleagues from SOCAR. At the same time, I express my gratitude to the organizers of the Baku Energy Week. It's a pretty important week. At the same time, I want to thank you for creating an opportunity to participate in this important event.

I would say with great pleasure that, as His Excellency Mr. President noted, the United Arab Emirates and Azerbaijan will now celebrate the groundbreaking ceremony of three new renewable energy projects. The Bilasuvar and Neftchala solar power plants, together with the Absheron-Garadagh wind project, will produce 1 GW of clean energy to meet Azerbaijan's growing energy needs.

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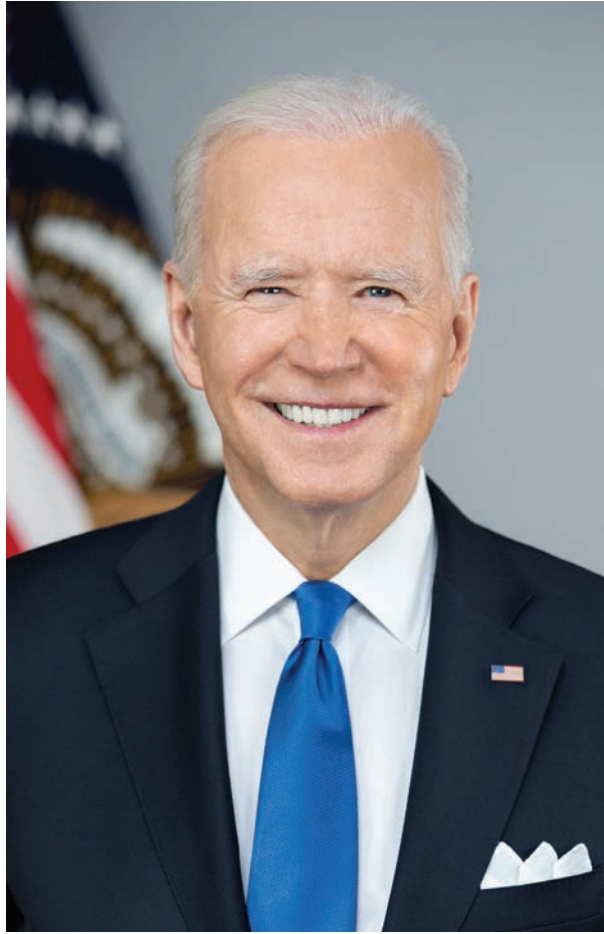
HE Haitham Al Ghais
Secretary General of OPEC

“ It is a great honour to be here at the opening ceremony of Baku Energy Week. Azerbaijan, under the able leadership of His Excellency Ilham Aliyev, President of Azerbaijan is a great friend of OPEC and supporter of the Declaration of Cooperation (DoC) between OPEC and non-OPEC producers. We support Azerbaijan’s constructive engagement for COP29, with a focus on the importance of enhancing international cooperation in climate action to advance the objectives, principles, and goals of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. ”



Recep Tayyip Erdogan
President
of the Republic of Türkiye

“ As two countries, we strengthen our cooperation in renewable energy, new technologies, and energy source diversification. We aim to complete the electricity export via Nakhchivan and the İğdır-Nakhchivan natural gas pipeline projects in the near future. We continue our efforts with determination to ensure peace and prosperity rising on the basis of permanent peace and stability in South Caucasus. In this regard, I congratulate brother Azerbaijan once again for hosting the 29th Conference of the Parties (COP29) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Baku from November 11 to 22, 2024, and express our readiness to provide all kinds of support during the preparation process of the Conference. I wish success to all participants of Baku Energy Week, where the dynamic environment and developments in the energy sector will be closely monitored, and convey my thanks to my brother, President İlham Aliyev, with my heartfelt feelings. ”



Joseph R. Biden
President
of the United States of America

“ I am pleased that you are once again hosting Baku Energy Week, which underscores the transformational role Azerbaijan has played in the global energy landscape. This year’s events carry particular significance as Baku prepares to host a pivotal COP29 in November. COP29 presents a unique opportunity for Azerbaijan to advance key global initiatives like limiting methane emissions in the oil and gas sector and advancing the clean energy transition as we work collectively to keep a 1.5-degree Celsius limit on temperature rise within reach. ”



“Over the years, on this platform, which is continuously adapted to tackle global energy challenges, we have strengthened our cooperation, initially rooted in oil, then expanded to include gas, and now collectively advancing towards a sustainable future with “green energy.” Azerbaijan has entered a new era as an active participant in the energy transformation process. I am confident that this year’s “Baku Energy Week” will be remembered for its comprehensive agenda and the further enhancing of partnership relations, diversifying Azerbaijan’s energy supplier role with natural gas and “green energy”.

Parviz Shahbazov
Minister of Energy
of the Republic of Azerbaijan

“I think that the most important issue discussed at this Forum is bring the most possible green energy and gas from Azerbaijan to Europe. That’s the most important thing. I hope that this event contributes to convincing those who need to be convinced to be able to increase the capacity of the network which connects us with Azerbaijan.”

Péter Szijjártó
Minister of
Foreign Affairs and Trade
of Hungary



“ This Forum is of interest to me personally as it brings a diversity of regional voice into the global energy conversation. I have come here from the World Energy Congress. We are designing energy for people and planet. That’s our 100th energy congress, while this is the 29th Baku Energy Forum. So, I think, there is a great set of participants here. ”

Angela Wilkinson
Secretary General and CEO,
World Energy Council



“ Baku Energy Forum provides a great opportunity to meet with industrial and political leaders from around the world, facilitating knowledge exchange and vision sharing. From this perspective, I view Ansaldo Energia Group’s participation to Baku Energy Forum as an invaluable chance to present our approach to the global challenges of energy security, affordability, and decarbonization and to share our vision with other company leaders. To Ansaldo Energia, it is also a highly valuable opportunity to consolidate our relations with Azerbaijan and present our industrial projects in this important country and our commitment to technological and educational cooperation in the decades to come. ”

Fabrizio Fabbri
CEO Ansaldo Energia





2023



Dear exhibition and forum participants! Dear guests, ladies and gentlemen!

Ilham Aliyev

President

of the Republic of Azerbaijan

I congratulate you on the occasion of the start of the "Baku Energy Week", which includes a number of prestigious energy events of the Caspian region, and wish you success in your future activities. I am sure that the "Baku Energy Week" will further step up the dialogue on global cooperation on energy security and diversification of energy sources. The "Baku Energy Week" encompasses authoritative events such as the 28th International Caspian Oil and Gas Exhibition, the 11th Caspian International Power and Green Energy Exhibition and the 28th Baku Energy Forum. This traditional annual event is an opportunity for discussing matters related to global energy security, the potential of alternative and renewable energy, including the promotion of "green energy" projects, as well as the diversification of energy sources. This year's "Baku Energy

Week" coincides with the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Heydar Aliyev, the National Leader of the Azerbaijani people and the founder of the independent Azerbaijan state. This is a remarkable event. The emergence of the energy dialogue platform and exhibition activities in Azerbaijan is associated with the exceptional role of Heydar



Aliyev. The foundation of the Caspian Oil and Gas Exhibition and the launch of the oil strategy developed under the leadership of the National Leader occurred at the same time, in 1994. Azerbaijan's becoming a trustworthy contributor to energy security after the signing of the Contract of the Century in the same year set a successful example of cooperation with foreign partners in the oil and gas sector and in the export of energy resources. Currently, Azerbaijan is replicating its success in the oil and gas history by implementing projects related to the export of "green energy".

In recent years, the continuous development of energy production technologies, as well as global climate goals, have accelerated the transition to "green energy", which is one of the key directions of energy policy in leading countries of the world. By utilizing its ample natural resources, our country has made important contributions to the global agenda of increasing alternative and renewable energy production, de-carbonization and diversification of energy sources. In the mid-term perspective, Azerbaijan aims to become an exporter of electricity obtained from alternative sources and "green energy", hydrogen.

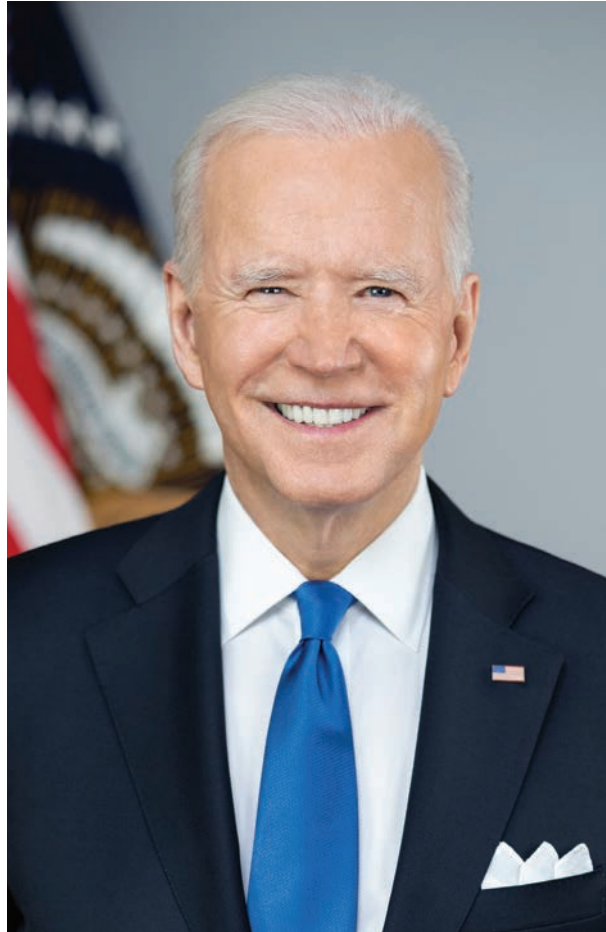
The launch of projects aimed at the development of "green energy" in the country is an important opportunity to create a "green energy corridor", which is viewed as an analogue of the project as large as the Southern Gas Corridor. In particular, the implementation of large-scale projects in liberated territories, including the creation of a "green energy" zone in Karabakh and Eastern Zangezur, will turn the country into an alternative energy producer and exporter.

Taking into account the growing strategic importance of the Southern Gas Corridor project in the energy transition, the expansion of the TANAP and TAP projects has already become a topical issue for Azerbaijan. The expansion of the Southern Gas Corridor before 2027 and other prospects related to the transportation of energy resources will serve to further enhance the strategic role of our country in diversified energy supply and energy security of our partners.

Dear event participants!

Azerbaijan has been hosting such a globally important event for a long time. I believe that thanks to its many years of experience, the comprehensive presentations, discussions and exchange of ideas during the exhibition and forum will open up new horizons for our broad economic relations and contribute to effective cooperation in an atmosphere of mutual understanding. I wish the "Baku Energy Week" continued success and new achievements in your activities!





Joseph R. Biden
President
of the United States of America



Dear Mr. President:

I send my best wishes to you and the people of Azerbaijan as you gather for the International Caspian Oil and Gas Exhibition in Baku. For more than three decades, Azerbaijan and the United States have built a solid partnership-from countering transnational threats to promoting inclusive economic growth.

This event underscores our countries' shared commitment to a secure and clean energy future. Azerbaijan has played a central role in this effort. From developing the Middle Corridor including the Southern Gas Corridor-to helping increase energy diversification that bolsters energy resilience, Azerbaijan is helping meet a global need for secure energy supplies.

I am encouraged by Azerbaijan's efforts to achieve global climate goals, including launching initiatives to increase renewable energy development and strengthen energy efficiency.

The United States will stand with Azerbaijan as you implement these measures, as well as undertake reforms that will promote rule of law and advance opportunities for the Azerbaijani people. In addition, we will continue to support a sustainable and just peace in the region which will help promote security and prosperity across the South Caucasus for generations to come.

I look forward to our continued cooperation in the years ahead.





Rishi Sunak
Prime Minister
of the United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland

“ His Excellency President Ilham Aliyev.

I am writing to wish you the best for the Baku Energy Week. With the pressing twin challenges of tackling climate change and strengthening energy security, Baku Energy Week's ability to convene international thought leaders from the public and private sector has never been more important. Azerbaijan's role as a reliable energy partner is important in the global energy landscape. Azerbaijan's commitment to increase its natural gas supplies to Europe by 20 billion cubic metres by 2027 is already contributing to Europe's energy security. Diversity of supply is key to ending Russia's use of energy as a geopolitical weapon. I also applaud your efforts to develop Azerbaijan's huge renewable energy potential and become a green energy exporter. Your plans to expand cooperation on energy transition with European partners will be key to achieving these goals. The establishment of the first Green Energy Advisory Council of the Southern Gas Corridor and the Black Sea Submarine cable project, which aims to transfer renewable electricity from Azerbaijan to Europe, are particularly promising. Over the past two years, the United Kingdom has supported Azerbaijan's energy transition through capacity-building and awareness-raising programmes. These initiatives not only contribute to a more sustainable energy future for Azerbaijan but also help to build resilience against the impacts of climate change. I would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm the United Kingdom's commitment to working with Azerbaijan and other international partners in the energy sector, to accelerate our collective efforts to transition to clean energy and tackle climate change. I hope Baku Energy Week is a huge success.

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“ Brought to life by the oil strategy implemented by National Leader Heydar Aliyev, the very man who had set in motion our development as a nation and ensured our energy independence, this exhibition and international energy cooperation platform has become the annals Azerbaijan’s energy achievements have been written to. ”

Parviz Shahbazov
Minister of Energy
of the Republic of Azerbaijan

“ Exhibitions and forums have created ample opportunities to discuss important energy issues in the Caspian region, and in the past years they have successfully carried out the mission of conveying the sustainable achievements of our new energy strategy to the world community. I believe that Baku Energy Week, which brings together international energy companies and oil-gas and energy experts, will heavily contribute to the discussion of important issues such as global energy security, new opportunities for cooperation, and the regional economic development. ”

Rovshan Najaf
President of SOCAR



“ I believe that the topics discussed and the level of participants proved the importance of Azerbaijan in strengthening the energy security of Europe. I'm confident that the ties we made during the Baku Energy Forum will result in long-term cooperation between our countries for the benefit of our nations. Thank you for the excellent organization and for the hospitality! ”

Constantin Borosan
Ministry of Energy
of the Republic of Moldova



“ The organization of the event is very good. I have attended many conferences and forums, so I have many things to compare. The Baku Energy Forum is certainly not an ordinary event! This event left a great impression on me. ”

Han Hong
Vice President
Petrovietnam Oil Cooperation





2022



Dear Exhibition and Forum participants,
dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I welcome you on the occasion of the opening of the Baku Energy Week, which unites several energy events, and wish you all good health and success in your future endeavours on behalf of your countries.

As the most prestigious event in the oil and gas industry and energy sector of the Caspian region, the Baku Energy Week brings together the 27th International Caspian Oil & Gas Exhibition, the 10th Anniversary Caspian International Power and Renewable Energy Exhibition, as well as the Baku Energy Forum, which is the successor to the Caspian Oil and Gas Conference.

The Baku Energy Week is being reorganised after a two-year break caused by the Covid pandemic, which the Azerbaijani Government has been successfully fighting. Both live meetings and face-to-face communication with industry leaders of the region add to the importance of this year's Exhibition and Forum. This year's Baku Energy Week brings together key players of the global energy market and international companies for new cooperation in creating more sustainable and secure energy centres of gravity.

It is very significant that issues such as decarbonisation, increasing green energy forms, as well as affordable and safe energy supplies, which have become a global challenge, are at the top of the agenda of this year's Energy Week dialogue. At the same time, the Baku Energy Forum has continued the tradition of the Caspian Oil and Gas Conference, which has gained the status of a major event in the energy sector and expanded its agenda with new energy segments. The challenges facing the world and the expected structural changes in the global energy balance have brought up the duties such as increasing sustainable and clean energy capacity for the region and identifying new energy routes. Taking this into account, Azerbaijan, one of the important players in ensuring global and regional energy security, implements sustainable projects, especially for the development of renewable energy, supports close integration with

Ilham Aliyev
President
of the Republic of Azerbaijan

neighbouring countries' energy systems, maintaining peace, stability, and security in the region. Given the growing importance of natural gas in the energy transformation, the significance of the Southern Gas Corridor project is growing even further. This project, which is of strategic importance for Azerbaijan, plays a major role in ensuring Europe's energy security, and there are great opportunities for further expansion of this energy corridor.

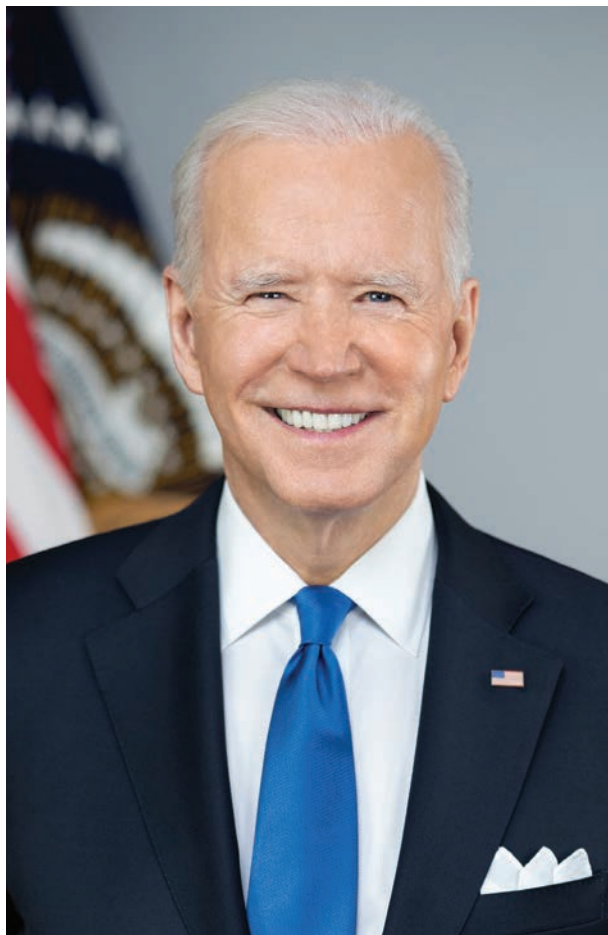
Azerbaijan has set long-term goals with respect to energy security, especially green energy policy. In the field of energy, open, transparent, business-focused, and results-oriented cooperation and mutual support are our permanent principles. By 2030, we have identified becoming a "green growth" country and achieving a clean environment as one of our national priorities for socio-economic development. Such a policy will provide a perfect foundation for a successful energy transformation in the region.

The existing stability, economic development, modern infrastructure, favourable business environment, and the great energy potential in our country have created broad prospects for the production and export of renewable energy. Azerbaijan, together with companies with extensive experience in the energy sector, has launched large-scale projects aimed at creating new renewable energy forces. Significant progress has already been made in creating a new generation power of 855 megawatts. This further improves and strengthens the position of Azerbaijan as a reliable supplier of new energy resources in international markets.

In this process, the diversification of energy resources, decarbonisation, as well as increasing the use of natural gas as a source of low-carbon energy carry particular importance. The great energy potential of our liberated historical territories promises broad prospects for the implementation of successful "green energy" projects and energy security in the region. According to the reports, the production of solar and wind energy in Karabakh and East Zangazur can reach about 9-10 thousand megawatts. For these purposes, together with leading international companies, conceptual projects have already been prepared for the "green energy" zone in Karabakh and East Zangazur; the creation of a unique "green energy zone" concept consisting of modern renewable energy sources continues. Along with vast natural gas reserves, our renewable energy potential paves the way for important opportunities to become a "green growth" country.

Distinguished by its special position in the development of the world oil and energy industry, Azerbaijan has also been implementing large-scale investment projects in various countries. Today, the position of our country, which is recognised as a reliable partner in the international arena, is becoming even stronger. We are fulfilling our obligations and creating favourable conditions for foreign investors. We should further expand our cooperation to ensure energy security, diversification, and the transition to green energy in the region. In order to successfully meet the challenges of energy security in the future, the application of new technologies and digital solutions in this area should prevail. Dear Exhibition and Forum participants, Azerbaijan has long hosted this event of global importance. I believe that thanks to its many years of experience, your exhibition and forum will open new horizons for our broad economic relations and contribute to fruitful cooperation in an atmosphere of mutual understanding with comprehensive reports, discussions and exchange of views on current issues. I once again wish you success in your activities at the Baku Energy Week!





Joseph R. Biden
President
of the United States of America

“ During the 30 years of diplomatic relations, we have enjoyed between the United States and the Republic of Azerbaijan, we have become strong partners in combatting transnational threats, advancing energy security, and encouraging bilateral trade and investment. As you host the International Caspian Oil & Gas Exhibition in Baku, I want to assure you that Azerbaijan continues to have a committed partner in the United States.

Around the world, we find ourselves at an important juncture in ensuring our energy security, while making the necessary investments and changes to meet our longer-term commitments to the clean energy transition. Diversification is more important than ever in addressing our energy security goals, and Azerbaijan has played a central role in regional efforts toward this goal. Azerbaijan is also critical to realizing the immense potential of trans-Caspian cooperation to help stabilize markets in the region and globally. And Azerbaijan is playing a crucial role in helping stabilize European energy security, including through the Southern Gas Corridor and by providing crucial fuel supplies to Ukraine.

I welcome your continued steps to help achieve Azerbaijan's full potential, including by promoting a diversified economy, contributing to global goals to fight climate change through investments in renewables, strengthening the rule of law and accountability, and boosting the standard of living of the Azerbaijani people. The United States is committed to our continued partnership and cooperation. ”



Recep Tayyip Erdogan
President
of the Republic of Türkiye

“ Distinguished participants,
Dear Representatives of the Public Sector and Business World,
Distinguished Guests, I welcome you with my most heartfelt feelings and respect. I wish that all events organised on the occasion of Baku Energy Week, including the Special Session in Shusha, will be fruitful. As in every sector, our excellent level of cooperation with Dear Azerbaijan in the energy sector is of strategic nature for our countries and our region. By realising mega infrastructure investments such as Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan, Baku-Tbilisi-Erzurum pipelines and Trans-Anatolian Natural Gas Pipeline TANAP, we have made vital contributions to regional and global energy supply security. In the critical period we are in, the Southern Gas Corridor, which is the backbone of TANAP, is the fourth natural gas artery of Europe. To date, 15 billion cubic meters of natural gas has been shipped to Turkey and 10 billion cubic meters of natural gas to other European countries through the Southern Gas Corridor. As we emphasised in the Shusha Declaration, in which we raised our relations to the level of Allies, together with my brother İlham, we attach importance to increasing the capacity of the Southern Gas Corridor. Current developments in the international plan show the accuracy of these steps we have taken. The vital importance of Turkey-Azerbaijan cooperation for the energy security of Europe is now better understood. Under the leadership of my brother İlham Aliyev, Azerbaijan’s vision in the renewable energy sector has become a guidance in terms of regional stability and prosperity. In this context, declaring Karabakh and East Zangezur as “Green Energy Zone” is a very accurate step. I wish the continuation of the success of Baku Energy Week, which is organised at a time when the importance of energy and energy security is increasing, and I welcome all participants with my most heartfelt feelings.





“ The Baku Energy Week - the 27th International Caspian Oil & Gas exhibition and the Baku Energy Forum will become a platform for discussing new investment opportunities and cooperation proposals with government representatives, energy companies and experts from around the world. It will further contribute to the development of our countries by paving the way for the continuation of mutually beneficial cooperation with new projects. ”

Parviz Shahbazov
Minister of Energy
of the Republic of Azerbaijan

“ The events organised as part of the Baku Energy Week create an atmosphere of real mutual understanding between all participants and open new horizons for our broad economic ties. The participation of hundreds of attendees in this year's events serves as a clear indication of the growing interest in our event. I strongly believe that the Baku Energy Week will contribute to effective cooperation in the context of ongoing energy processes in the world. This event will prove once again that it is an important platform to form new partnerships. ”

Rovshan Najaf
First Vice and Acting President
of SOCAR



“ The Forum is going well. Now it is very important to discuss the energy security strategy. We need to find like-minded people who are ready to stake on the professional provision of energy security in many countries. Here, at the Forum, we talked about gas. This is important for the energy transition. I repeat: it is important for us to maintain the energy balance and ensure the economic security of countries. ”

Vannia Gava

Undersecretary of State,
Italian Ministry
of Ecological Transition



“ I am coming to Baku for the third time for negotiations on cooperation. I also took part in the Baku Energy Week opening ceremony and the first day of the Baku Energy Forum as a speaker. Baku Energy Week is a very important event for us, because we are interested in obtaining hydrocarbons from various sources, including Azerbaijan. ”

Zorana Mihajlovic

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister
of Mining and Energy
of Serbia



“ We are glad that the Azerbaijan organised such an event as Baku Energy Week - and at such a high level! Many of us met at the opening of the exhibition, and we all had a lot of questions about the industry. The forum provided an excellent opportunity and became an efficient platform for international dialogue. This is certainly an excellent, worthy, long-awaited event! ”

Bolat Akchulakov
Minister of Energy
of the Republic of Kazakhstan

“ Due to the coronavirus pandemic, we could not meet, but this year we were happy with the opportunity to visit oil and gas exhibition and Forum in Baku. We presented a separate stand at the exhibition, we had many meetings in the capital of Azerbaijan - with Socar and other companies, and we think that the negotiations will be rewarding. We had the opportunity to hold fruitful discussions with the colleagues from Azerbaijan, Türkiye, Bulgaria, Serbia, The United States and the European union. ”

Virgil-Daniel Popescu
Minister of Energy
of Romania



“ I would like to express my gratitude for the excellent organisation of Baku Energy Forum. I was able to visit the exhibition as well. I would like to note the excellent infrastructure of the pavilions, as well as the spectacular opening ceremony, where we had the honour to listen to the President of Azerbaijan. For the EC, the ongoing Forum is of great importance, because at present we want to diversify our energy sources, and Azerbaijan is one of the key partners in this matter. ”

Cristina Lobillo Borrero
Director of Energy Policy,
Strategy and Coordination, EC



“ I can appreciate the organization of this event and would like to note that we are very satisfied, everything is organized perfectly, and everything went smoothly and well. The Forum is very important at facilitating communication with ministers from the countries of the region, including minister of Azerbaijan. Today we met with him. From this point of view, we can call our participation in the event fruitful. I managed to take part in one of the panels, where a very right question was asked: how we are going to meet the future, how will the energy transition be implemented. I think that the topic was carefully thought out and correctly chosen. ”

Francesco La Camera
Director General
of the International Renewable
Energy Agency (IRENA)



“ After two years of the pandemic, the scale and level of organization of the forum and exhibition are impressive. We are happy to be here again during the Baku Energy Week and I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this event. This is an amazing event. Events like this provide an excellent platform to discuss topical issues and share ideas that lead to better solutions. And we all definitely need better solutions. I believe and hope that all participants will take advantage of this chance. ”

Melih Han Bilgin
President,
CEO of TPAO

“ I think the event is excellently organized. Perfect place has been chosen, everything is wonderfully thought out, and hospitality, as always, is up to the mark! From my point of view, such events are very important, they provide an opportunity to come together, discuss the future and pressing issues, both with the government representatives and with private companies and regulators, and the forum is an ideal meeting place for all interested parties. ”

Niall Henderson
Vice President,
bp



“ President Aliyev. Your Excellences. Thank you for the chance to address the Baku Energy Week. I also want to congratulate both nations on the 30 years of anniversary of diplomatic relations between the UK and Azerbaijan. This event comes at an important time for European Energy Security and for our climate. We recognize the extraordinary circumstances we find ourselves in due to a war in Ukraine. This new reality underscores the critical choices facing us on energy. Now more than ever, we must urgently work together to accelerate the shift to clean power generation and zero carbon economies. Today Azerbaijan is a reliable and stable supplier of natural gas to Georgia, Türkiye and partners across Europe. The Southern Gas Corridor that starts from Azerbaijan represents a significant achievement. The expansion of the Southern Gas Corridor will support the diversification of gas supply to Europe. Natural gas will continue to play a crucial role while we are phasing out coal and transitioning to clean energy. Last year at COP26 under the UK Presidency we saw impressive commitments. We welcome the commitments that our partners, including the Government of Azerbaijan, made at COP26 and look for further ambition in current targets. The UK also welcomes Azerbaijan’s commitment to clean energy transition. One advantage of net zero is that represents total energy security. Net zero also means prosperity. Increasing price of oil and gas makes the case for investing in clean energy even stronger. UK companies, such as BP who have been a close partner of Azerbaijan for the past three decades, adopted ambitious plans to reach net zero by 2050. Countries like Azerbaijan have a high potential to become the net zero champions. The window of time we have left to keep 1.5 in reach is closing fast. It is essential that we act now to deliver the Glasgow Climate Pact signed last year. Every country must respond to the call to revisit and strengthen their emission reduction target. We must continue to work together on how the commitments will be achieved, to make good on our promises and ensure our commitments turn into reality. President Aliyev. Your excellences. The UK is ready to work with all partners to accelerate global clean energy transition that will ensure energy security and help to tackle climate change.

Thank you. ”



Greg Hand,
British Secretary
of State for Business, Energy,
Clean Growth





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Dear Exhibition and Conference Participants

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the opening of the 26th International Caspian Oil & Gas Exhibition and Conference in Baku!

I wish you all good health and every success in your future undertakings for the prosperity of your countries.

Since its inception, this prestigious, impressive and traditional event has become a leading platform for delivering the main trends and strategic principles of the oil and gas industry of our country to the international community. Its coincidence with the 25th anniversary of the "Contract of the Century," the cornerstone of the oil strategy initiated and implemented by our National Leader Heydar Aliyev, further enhances the importance of this year's exhibition and conference.

Ilham Aliyev

President
of the Republic of Azerbaijan

This year marks another event in our country's oil industry; seventy years ago, in 1949, the world's oil and gas industry opened a new era with the start of the first offshore oil production in the legendary Oil Rocks in Baku.

Nowadays Azerbaijan holds a well-deserved place among the major oil and gas exporting countries. Our achievements as a result of the dynamic development of our country, which has undergone a strong socio-economic upsurge, have contributed to significant progress in all sectors, including the non-oil sector, by diversifying the national economy.

Today, our country has made its name as a reliable partner in the international arena. In addition to fulfilling our commitments, we have created favourable conditions for foreign investors. Azerbaijan, which stands out in its position in the development of the world's oil industry, is also implementing large-scale investment projects in various countries. Last year, the first phase of the Southern Gas Corridor project was officially opened, which was followed by the commissioning ceremony for the Trans Anatolian (TANAP) natural gas pipeline. The implementation of the project is one of the most memorable achievements of our energy strategy since independence. TANAP clearly demonstrated the economic power of our country and its vital role in ensuring Europe's energy security. I am sure that with the completion of the Trans Adriatic Pipeline (TAP) project in near future, we will conclude the Southern Gas Corridor, a major infrastructure project; this will enable us to supply Azerbaijan's rich gas reserves to Turkey and the European markets in a shorter and safer manner.

I believe that, thanks to the long-standing experience of this exhibition and conference, with its topical speeches, discussions and exchanges of ideas, it will open up new horizons for our broader economic relationships and will promote productive cooperation to our mutual benefit.

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Donald Trump
President
of the United States of America

“ Please accept my best wishes as you celebrate the 26th anniversary of the International Caspian Oil and Gas Exhibition. Azerbaijan is more prosperous and connected to the global economy than at any time in its history. Oil and gas production from Azerbaijan continues to increase stability in world energy markets, including through the Southern Gas Corridor. Azerbaijan can play an even greater leadership role by partnering with other potential suppliers, such as Turkmenistan and countries in the Eastern Mediterranean. Now is the time to expand on your country’s success. The United States supports your efforts to advance economic reforms that will attract foreign investment and spur innovation. The economic success of Azerbaijan will help bring stability to the entire region. I look forward to continued cooperation in our shared efforts to build a peaceful, prosperous, and democratic South Caucasus. ”

“ I am very pleased to have the opportunity to attend the Oil & Gas Exhibition and Conference in Azerbaijan. The event is extremely important and interesting. This conference perfectly illustrates the level of progress that Azerbaijan has achieved in the oil and gas industry, and the country's contribution in ensuring the energy security of its foreign partners. ”

Amir Hossein Zamaninia
Deputy Minister
for Trade & International Affairs,
Islamic Republic of Iran



“ The Caspian Oil&Gas conference has already become a good tradition. The fact that it marks its 26th year speaks for itself and shows that the relevance of the issues discussed at the exhibition and conference constantly increasing. The opinions that are heard here and the estimates that are given are sought after by experts, the public and consumers. ”

Yury Sentyurin
Secretary General
for Gas Exporting
Countries Forum (GECF)



Rovnag Abdullayev
President, SOCAR

“ The Caspian Oil&Gas Exhibition and Conference is an effective communication platform for our joint efforts to transform Azerbaijan into an interregional energy hub. Holding such events is of paramount importance in terms of searching, extracting, processing and the marketing of our energy resources, the diversification of supply routes in the country, the development of relationships with international partner companies as part of large-scale projects aimed at ensuring security in the region, and enhancing our successful cooperation, which is based on mutual trust, to a higher level. I believe that the innovations, discussions, debates and reports presented by the participants at the 26th International Caspian Oil & Gas Exhibition and Conference will open new perspectives for the future development of the world's oil industry and will be useful in terms of planning the future projects and operations. ”

“ I think this conference is very important for not only for the Caspian region, but also for other countries including Japan. Because it provides us man different opinions and the information, and we can create a new degree of networking here. That is the great opportunities for all of us, attending here. ”

Tomonobu Uchida
President of JOGMEC,
Japan



“ Within two days, both as part of the conference and outside the event, we had interesting meetings at which the prospects for the development of cooperation between the leading companies of the two countries were discussed. I express my gratitude to the organisers of the exhibition and conference and i can inform you that next year KazMunayGaz plans to participate in the exhibition with its own stand. ”

Kurmangazy Iskaziev

Deputy Chairman of the Board
for Exploration, Production and
Oilfield Services at National
Company KazMunayGas JSC







2018



Dear Exhibition and Conference Participants:

I cordially greet you on the opening of the 25th International Caspian Oil & Gas Exhibition and Conference in Baku, and I wish you all good health and continued success in your endeavours.

The International Caspian Oil & Gas Exhibition and Conference Incorporating Refining and Petrochemicals, which is the major oil and gas event in the Caspian region, celebrates its 25th anniversary of successful operation this year.

The founding of the Caspian Oil & Gas exhibition coincided with the announcement of the new oil strategy developed under the wise guidance of our National Leader Heydar Aliyev in 1994, and this traditional event has been crucial to the development of the oil and gas sector of Azerbaijan and the Caspian region as a whole. Throughout this period, the continued staging of these exhibitions and conferences in Baku have played a special role in the implementation of strategic projects, of which Azerbaijan has been not only the initiator, but also a direct participant. These exhibitions

Ilham Aliyev

President

of the Republic of Azerbaijan

and conferences have also been instrumental in presenting attractive initiatives to the international business community, speeding up integration into the global economy and establishing global partnerships.

Despite the recent global economic crisis in many countries worldwide, we have succeeded in maintaining the stable development of our

country; and to do so, we have been pursuing appropriate economic strategy through the effective use of our internal resources. As a result, Azerbaijan has successfully withstood the global economic downturn, while maintaining a steady pace of economic growth and social development.

Further work is currently ongoing under the Southern Gas Corridor (SGC) initiative that incorporates the Shah Deniz Stage 2 and South Caucasus Pipeline Expansion (SCPX) projects, as well as the Trans-Anatolian Natural Gas Pipeline (TANAP) and Trans-Adriatic Pipeline (TAP) projects; the Shah Deniz 2 and South Caucasus Pipeline Expansion (SCPX) projects are about to be completed soon. The commissioning of the TANAP section which will transport the Shah Deniz gas to Turkey will be celebrated in the near future. Azerbaijan will start transporting its natural gas to Europe in 2020.

Currently, we can see growing competition for the control over key energy resources worldwide. Hence, relying on its favourable geographical position, natural resources and rich domestic potential, Azerbaijan is cooperating with other countries and well-known economic, financial institutions and companies around the globe. Attracting major foreign investment, creating favourable business environment and fostering the right conditions for entrepreneurs are among the key priorities of the economic policy pursued by our country.

I am confident that this prestigious event will be valuable in terms of deepening mutual relations and will contribute to identifying the main development trends of your endeavours for the coming years.

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Donald Trump
President
of the United States of America

“ His Excellency Mr Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan
Dear Mr President:
Congratulations to you and the people of Azerbaijan on the 25th anniversary of the International Caspian Oil and Gas Exhibition and the first gas flowing into the Southern Gas Corridor. I join you in celebrating a major milestone in three decades of cooperation between Azerbaijan and the United States. As you also mark the 100th anniversary of your first independence, Azerbaijan is more prosperous and connected to the global economy than ever before. Azerbaijan’s prolific oil fields bring stability to world energy markets. Your gas production will help ensure the energy security of Turkey and Europe. I encourage Azerbaijan to advance your economic and judicial reforms that will build on the success of your energy projects. I look forward to working together to make our great countries and the Caucasus region more prosperous, peaceful, and secure. ”



Recep Tayyip Erdogan
President
of the Republic of Türkiye

“ Mr President, my dear brother Ilham Aliyev, Distinguished guests, I warmly greet you. I hope that the ceremony marking the first delivery of gas to Trans Anatolian Natural Gas Pipeline to transport Azerbaijan’s gas to Turkey and other European countries will be successful. The completion of TANAP, which is a model project in terms of both bilateral and regional cooperation with Azerbaijan, is a source of pride for all of us. After the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan, Baku-Tbilisi-Erzurum pipelines and the Baku-Tbilisi-Kars railway in the field of transport that we have successfully implemented, TANAP is yet another fruit of our cooperation which is capable of changing the fate of the region. The United States and the European Union have also provided significant support to the realization of TANAP. The steps we have taken together have played a crucial role in completing this historic project quickly and without any problems. Timely completion of other projects of the Southern Gas Corridor, which will enable the transportation of gas to Europe from a new source in the years ahead, is of great importance as well. Following the first gas delivery to TANAP we will mark the opening of the pipeline with a large ceremony on June 12 in Eskisehir. We would be very happy to welcome you in Eskisehir to witness this historic moment. On the other hand, I would like to congratulate those who have contributed to the organization of the 25th Anniversary International Caspian Oil & Gas Exhibition, and convey my best wishes for further and continued success to this important event. Taking this pleasant opportunity once again I hope that TANAP will be beneficial for our region, particularly for Turkey and Azerbaijan, and convey my sincere greetings to all the participants.”



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Baroness Emma Nicholson
The UK Prime Minister's
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Bernard Looney
CEO,
BP Upstream





2017



Dear Exhibition and Conference Participants,

I cordially greet you on the opening of the 24th International Caspian Oil & Gas Exhibition and Conference, and I wish you all continued health and success.

The founding of the Caspian Oil & Gas exhibition coincided with the announcement of the new oil strategy developed under the leadership of National Leader Heydar Aliyev in 1994. Thanks to the Contract of the Century signed in the same year, the Caspian Sea's huge energy potential began to be explored and developed in co-operation with foreign companies, and Azerbaijan has now become a guarantor of energy security in the region as a result of its consistent and purposeful oil policy.

Today, our country is recognised as a reliable partner in the international arena. We have fulfilled all the obligations that we have undertaken, and have created

Ilham Aliyev

President

of the Republic of Azerbaijan

favourable conditions for foreign investors. Azerbaijan's dynamic growth path, starting with the agreements signed with major companies, has proven that the country is a worthy energy security partner in Eurasia. Over this period, Azerbaijan has demonstrated sustainable development in its oil policy, and has become not only the initiator of global transnational projects, but has also been the main executor of these projects. The second phase of development of the Shah Deniz project, the expansion of the South Caucasus Pipeline, and the TANAP and TAP projects



are successful steps towards strengthening the position of our country and its global partnerships. The Caspian Oil & Gas exhibition and conference is of great significance for presenting these and other projects involving Azerbaijan to the international business community. This prestigious event, traditionally held in Baku, is an indication of the immense interest in the country's oil industry and the energy sector in general.

I am confident that the exhibition will offer extensive discussions and detailed analysis, and that new project will be developed and effective proposals presented to ensure the development of fruitful co-operation in the coming years.

In closing, I would like to wish you all success in your future activities, as well as peace and prosperity for your countries.

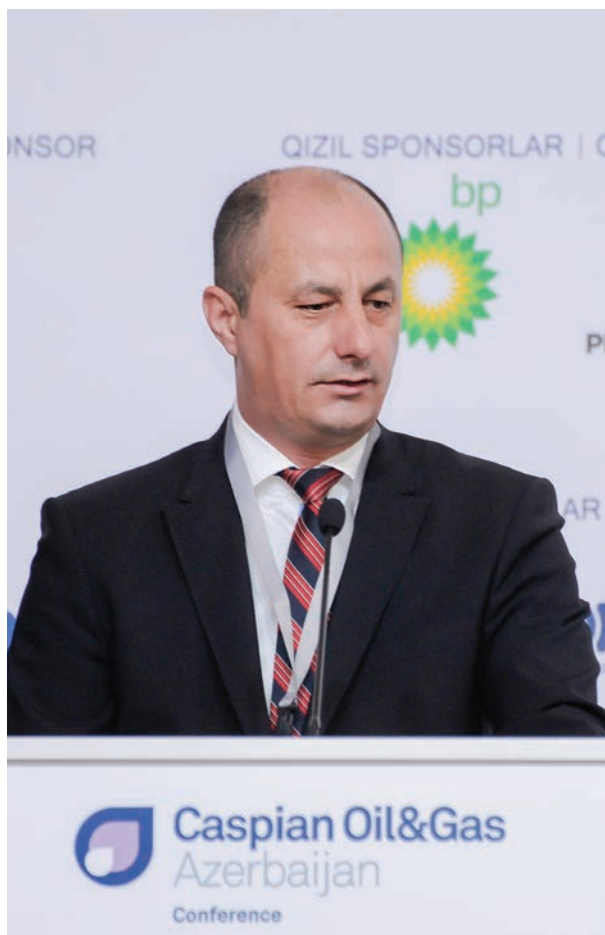




“ Each year everyone wonders; will the number of participants in the Caspian Oil & Gas exhibition and conference decrease? But the experience of recent years, as well as this year, answers: No! The interest in this sector of the economy remains invariably high. ”

José María Botelho de Vasconcelos
Angola's Minister
of Petroleum

“ We are pleased to be one of the regular participants here at the International Caspian Oil & Gas Conference. I congratulate the Organizers of the event and I want to assure you that we are already planning to attend the Conference next year. I think this forum will give additional impetus to the development of Romanian-Azerbaijani relations. ”



Julian-Robert Tudorache
Romania's
Deputy Minister of Energy



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Khoshbakht Yusifzade

First Vice-President
of SOCAR





2019

“ From year to year, the importance of the Caspian Oil & Gas Exhibition and Conference has not diminished, and the number of participants has increased. This shows that there is great interest both in the exhibition and conference and in Azerbaijan in general. I think this interest will continue to grow. ”



2018

“ I believe that the conference facilitates a process of the exchange of ideas, allowing each of us to learn something new, and also provides an opportunity for us to share information with the participants about Angola, one of OPEC's member countries. ”





Natig Aliyev,
Minister of Energy
of the Republic of Azerbaijan



2017

“ I am sure that within the framework of the exhibition and conference useful discussions will be held among companies and implementation of new projects will be launched for further expansion of cooperation. ”



2016

“ This year, once again, this conference has brought the best representatives of the industry from across the world to Azerbaijan. The Caspian Oil and Gas 2015 Conference agenda includes topical issues from this sector and possible solutions through the lens of regional cooperation. However, the role of the exhibition and conference is not limited to resolving the broad range of industry issues; it is far wider. Exhibitors, delegates and visitors from various countries attend the event each year and get the opportunity to see the successful and promising development of modern Azerbaijan and learn about our culture, which is extremely important. Moreover, this year, Caspian Oil and Gas is being held on the eve of the First European Games, when the capital is at its peak, ready to receive even more visitors from around the world.

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2015

“ Caspian Oil & Gas is the most significant event in the region. Every year, we attend this specialised event and invite our partners - those who we had initiated the oil strategy with, those who continue implementing and developing it today, and those who hope to take part in regional and transcontinental projects which Azerbaijan is going to carry out in the future.

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2014

“ For many years now, our Caspian Oil & Gas Exhibition and Conference has been a dominating, large-scale event among all others in the oil and gas sector. Its geographical scope expands every year. Of course, the huge significance of the event is largely due to the fact that it facilitates a professional dialogue between key market players. We get the opportunity to voice our plans for the near future, our projects and tenders. This event is particularly important to me due to the common thread of our ideas and tasks.

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