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Foreign Minister Addresses UN General Assembly

On September 27, Mr. Elmar Mammadyarov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan, addressed the UN General Assembly within the general debate of its 63rd session. Mr. Mammadyarov stressed in his speech the urgent need for the resolution of protracted conflicts in the South Caucasus on the basis of norms and principles of international law. The Minister once more drew attention of the international community to the Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict. He noted that Azerbaijan has already made its contribution to decrease tensions in the region. Mr. Mammadyarov pointed out the transregional transportation projects, which his country promotes, such as Ka Baky-Tbilisi-Kars railway linking Azerbaijan with Georgia and Turkey. "It will create an essentially new and effective communication corridor between Europe and Asia", added the Minister.

Foreign Minister Meets US Secretary of State

Azerbaijan's Foreign Minister Elmar Mammadyarov has met US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in New-York. They discussed bilateral political and economic relations and energy cooperation. The Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh was also discussed during the talk, and both Mammadyarov and Rice stressed the importance of establishing peace and stability in the region. Mr. Mammadyarov stressed that the dispute can be solved only in accordance with international legal norms and based on the principle of his country's territorial integrity. The US Secretary of State pointed out that Azerbaijan plays a key role in the region.

Foreign Minister Holds Talks on Conflict Resolution

Azerbaijan's Foreign Minister Elmar Mammadyarov met with the co-chairs of OSCE Minsk Group, dealing with the resolution of the Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict and his Armenian counterpart Edward Nalbandian in New York within the 63rd session of UN General Assembly. After the discussion in a trilateral format, the Ministers met in private. The two sides noted that the recent events in the region urged intensification of the negotiation process. Azerbaijani and Armenian Foreign Minister also held discussion with Turkish Foreign Minister Ali Babacan. During the meeting, the sides discussed Turkey's initiative on creating the Caucasus Security and Development Platform. After the meetings the Co-chairs of the Minsk Group stressed the constructive atmosphere and the intention to intensify the negotiation process.

Cisco Plans to Develop Azerbaijan into Regional ICT Center

Cisco, one of the world leaders in the area of information technologies, has reported organization changes in its regional structure. Taking into account the vast potential of Azerbaijan in the area of information technologies and the pace of sector development in the country, Cisco plans to turn Azerbaijan into an ICT center for the region. "Azerbaijan has all of the pre-conditions for that," Mr. Terzioglu, Cisco regional director, said. "Cisco sets an objective to obtain stable development of ICT in Azerbaijan up to the level of developed countries." Cisco plans to implement large projects in banking, telecommunications, education and other sectors of Azerbaijan.