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Azerbaijani Ambassador Presents His Credentials

On October 2nd, H.E. Farid Shafiyev, the Azerbaijani Ambassador to Canada presented the credentials to H.E. Michaele Jean, Governor-General of Canada. H.E. M. Jean praised political and trade relations established between Azerbaijan and Canada. She said that Canada supports diplomatic talks between the presidents of Armenia and Azerbaijan and efforts of OSCE Minsk Group in the resolution of Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict. In an one-on-one meeting, the Ambassador and Governor General exchanged their views on cooperation between the two countries in different areas. After the presentation ceremony, a reception was given by the Embassy, which brought together the Canadian public, the Azerbaijani community in Canada and heads of the diplomatic corps accredited in Ottawa.

Nakhchivan Hosts 9th Summit of Turkic-Speaking Countries' Heads of State

On October 3, President Ilham Aliyev welcomed Presidents Abdullah Gul of Turkey, Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan, Kurmanbek Bakiyev of Kyrgyzstan as well as vice-chairman of Turkmenistan's Cabinet of Ministers Khydyr Saparliyev at the 9th summit of the Turkic-speaking countries' Heads of State in Nakhchivan, autonomous republic within Azerbaijan. Addressing the Head of States, President Aliyev stressed the opportunities for strengthening the unity between Turkic-speaking countries given the high-level bilateral relations and political cooperation within international organizations. Speaking about the strategic, historical and cultural importance of the region President also said: "Our presence here in Nakhchivan, an ancient Azerbaijani land, our talks, the summit and documents we will sign at its end will cement our unity even more. It should be noted that foundations for Azerbaijan's independence were laid here in Nakhchivan". Following the summit, the presidents of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkey signed the Nakhchivan Agreement on the

establishment of the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking countries. The Heads of State then signed the Nakhchivan declaration where they committed themselves to strengthen the bilateral and multilateral cooperation in different fields, to promote political consultations in regional and global security issues.

Baku Hosts International Conference on Defense Policy and Strategy

An international conference entitled "Defense Policy and Strategy" was held in Azerbaijan's capital, bringing together the country's officials, NATO experts and foreign military attaches. Opening the event, Azerbaijan's Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Araz Azimov said NATO must ensure security not only of its members, but also its partners. "Azerbaijan is ready to review conceptual aspects of its cooperation with NATO. We need to increase the quality of our work under joint programs. Strategic partnership and cooperation with NATO must be based on mutual trust." Jiri Sedivy, NATO's Assistant Secretary General for Defense Policy and Planning, said that collective defense and security are key priorities for the alliance. Sedivy said NATO was working on a new strategic concept and that it would be put on discussion during the organization's next year summit in Lisbon. The conference has been co-organized by the Azerbaijan Foreign Ministry and NATO.

Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan Sign Agreements

Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan have signed several intergovernmental documents during Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev's visit to Azerbaijan on October 2. The agreements concerned the cooperation between the state oil companies "KazMunayGaz" and SOCAR, agricultural cooperation, visa-free travel between the governments. Presidents expressed their confidence that the documents will promote regional cooperation and deepen relations. Kazakh President said 'Azerbaijan is undoubtedly a leader of the region.'

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