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## **Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry Issues Statement on Turkey-Armenia Protocols**

The documents states Azerbaijan's stance regarding the signing protocols on establishing diplomatic relations between Turkey and Armenia on October 10 saying the position of Azerbaijani side is unequivocal. Despite the aggression by Armenia of Azerbaijani territories, the ethnic cleansing against Azerbaijanis and numerous resolutions adopted by UN, OSCE, PACE and other international organizations, no progress eliminating the results of this aggression has been reached. "Establishing relations of one state with another is a sovereign right of each state. However, normalization of relations between Turkey and Armenia before the withdrawal of Armenian forces from occupied Azerbaijani territory is in direct contradiction with the interests of Azerbaijan and overshadows the spirit of brotherly relations between Azerbaijan and Turkey built on deep historical roots" the statement follows. Senior officials of Turkey also made statements saying until the Nagorno-Karabakh question is not resolved, the Turkish-Armenian protocols will not be ratified by parliament. President Ilham Aliyev also commented on the issue, saying despite the opinions that normalization of the Turkish-Armenian relations, opening of borders in the future can promote settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, he does not share them, as "if the Turkish-Armenian relations are normalized before settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh problem, then the position of Armenia in negotiating process can become tougher and Armenia will try to present it as the political and diplomatic success. "I am absolutely convinced that these two processes - settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and opening of the Turkish-Armenian border - should go in parallel", he said. President also expressed his hope on solving the Nagorno-Karabakh problem by negotiations, saying "if these hopes were exhausted, we would not participate in negotiations". Azerbaijani community of Nagorno-Karabakh also expressed their concern and appealed to Turkish public "no to open the Turkish door and promote the aggressor".

## **President Aliyev Meets with Sarkisian**

On October 8, President Ilham Aliyev met with his Armenian counterpart Serj Sarkisian for another round of talks during the CIS summit in Chisinau, Moldova. Following the meeting, President Aliyev spoke to Azerbaijan's State TV channel. Mr. Aliyev said that despite some positive dynamics, no tangible progress has been achieved due to Armenia's lack of constructive vision.

## **U.S. Deputy Secretary of Energy Visit Azerbaijan**

As part of his visit, U.S. Deputy Secretary of Energy Daniel Poneman held Monday a press-conference. He said the United States and Azerbaijan "have a long and productive history of cooperation in the energy sector and we look forward to the continuation of this mutually beneficial relationship". According to him, diversifying its energy resources and markets will bring Azerbaijan a range of opportunities to continue its economic growth and development. Praising Azerbaijan's role in ensuring global energy security Mr. Poneman also noted "there is tremendous potential to capture energy from wind, water and the sun". Welcoming the establishment of State Agency on Renewable Energy Sources, the US official expressed the readiness to work together on clean energy.

## **Lecture on Leonardo Da Vinci's Eastern Journey**

On October 14, the Embassy of Azerbaijan, together with the Embassy of Turkey hosted a lecture on "Leonardo Da Vinci's Eastern Mysteries" presented by Louis Buff Parry, an international code-breaker and Leonardo Da Vinci expert. During his lecture, the researcher has provided facts and evidences about Da Vinci's journey to the East (Azerbaijan and Turkey) and demonstrated the linkage of the East and West in his rich legacy, also suggesting that Da Vinci's mother was from the Caspian region.