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President Ilham Aliyev Delivered a Speech at the UN General Assembly

President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev delivered a speech at the 65th session of the United Nations General Assembly on September 24, 2010. Mr. Aliyev noted in his remarks that the UN plays an important role in solving global problems. President Aliyev drew the attention of session participants to the unresolved Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict and continuous occupation of Azerbaijani territories. He noted that Armenia does not intend to leave the occupied lands, disregarding four resolutions of the UN Security Council whereas these documents recognize territorial integrity of Azerbaijan. The OSCE, Council of Europe, European Parliament, OIC and other international organizations share the same stance on the problem. Saying Armenia destroyed historical and cultural heritage in the occupied lands, President Ilham Aliyev termed this policy as a real vandalism. Mr. Aliyev also touched upon the country's economic growth. He pointed out that oil-rich Azerbaijan has achieved important accomplishments in terms of economic and social development over recent years. President Ilham Aliyev noted that Azerbaijan makes important contribution to intercivilizational and cross-cultural dialogue.

President Ilham Aliyev and the US President Barack Obama Met

President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev and his U.S. counterpart Barack Obama have met in New York on September 24, 2010. The two presidents commended the development of the Azerbaijan-US relations, which, they said, were based on the principles of strategic cooperation. Barack Obama highly appreciated President Ilham Aliyev's leadership role, calling Azerbaijan the most successful and one of the most influential countries in the region. They stressed the two countries enjoyed high-level relations, emphasizing the importance of the bilateral ties in the fields of economy, energy and security in terms of strengthening the regional cooperation. They also touched upon joint activities of Azerbaijan and the United States in international counter-terror operations. On the Armenia-

Azerbaijan Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, the Presidents stressed the necessity of finding soonest solution to the problem for ensuring peace and stability in the region. Presidents Ilham Aliyev and Barack Obama discussed democratic development in Azerbaijan. The two Presidents also exchanged views on regional and international problems.

Azerbaijani Ambassador to Canada Visited Vancouver

Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Canada Farid Shafiev visited Vancouver (British Columbia) on September 14-18, 2010. During the visit F.Shafiyev met with the Minister of Small Business, Technology and Economic Development of British Columbia Ian Black, deputy minister Don Fast, representatives of the mayor of Vancouver, the Head of the Trade Council Grayden Hayward and the Head of the Commission for Economic Cooperation in Vancouver John Tylee. During the meetings the sides discussed prospects of cooperation in trade and economic spheres between Azerbaijan and the Province of British Columbia. Also, the ambassador visited the University of British Columbia (UBC). During meetings with representatives of the University the importance of developing cooperation between UBC and Azerbaijani universities was stressed. The presentation of economic and investment opportunities in Azerbaijan with the support of Canada Eurasia Russia Business Association (CERBA) was held during the visit. Speaking at the presentation, Ambassador Shafiyev informed the participants about the broad opportunities and major economic projects in Azerbaijan. In the framework of the visit to the province, the ambassador visited the second largest city in BC - Surrey, where he held meetings with the head of the Trade Council of the City - Nigel Watkinson and local administration representatives. Ambassador Shafiyev also met with representatives of the Azerbaijani Diaspora of Vancouver. Following the visit F.Shafiyev gave an interview to a local CKNW radio station, in which he informed listeners about religious tolerance and other successes achieved in Azerbaijan.

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