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GUAM Summit

The second summit of the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development - GUAM (GUAM) which comprises Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine was held in Baky, Azerbaijan, on June 18-19 2007.

The Presidents of Georgia and Ukraine Mikhail Saakashvili and Viktor Yushchenko, and Moldovan Prime Minister Vasile Tarlev were in the Azerbaijani capital for a summit with Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev. Polish President Lech Kaczynski, Lithuanian President Valdas Adamkus and Romanian President Traian Basescu were also attending as an observer.

The leaders of the countries have pledged to increase the cooperation within GUAM, boost energy projects aimed at delivering oil and gas to Europe and make contribution to international and regional security. "GUAM, in a short time, has turned into a serious organisation. Its goals are of interest to many countries," President Aliyev said. By boosting transport and energy links, GUAM members are "building a bridge between Europe and Asia," he said.

The leaders have signed a final joint declaration of the summit. Besides security and energy issues, the signatories also agreed to consolidate democratic values, the rule of law, respect for human rights, and foster social and economic development.