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Subject: Armenia-Azerbaijan Conflict Poses Threat to European Energy Security

Good afternoon,

I wanted to share an article titled "[Armenia-Azerbaijan Conflict Poses Threat to European Energy Security](#)" by Brenda Shaffer, Senior Advisor for Energy at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies. She discussed the recent clashes at the Armenia-Azerbaijan border and called on the United States to take visible steps to prevent the escalation of this conflict. Additionally, she wrote, "Protection of this vital corridor is important for European energy security and for ensuring the independence of the states in the region."

Shaffer also noted Iran's support for Armenia in the conflict, as "Tehran has close relations with Armenia."

In addition to urging the United States to take action to preserve its strategic gains in the Caspian region, Shaffer called on Washington to "increase training and other cooperation with Azerbaijan and Georgia to protect the pipeline and transport corridor running from Azerbaijan through Georgia and Turkey on its way to Europe."

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

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