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Subject: Azerbaijan Update

Good morning,

I wanted to share two updates with you:

1. **The attached PDF discusses Azerbaijan's efforts to facilitate the transport of gas to Armenia** for the first time since both nations' independence as they work to reopen communication links following the November 10 ceasefire agreement. This step is another sign of how Azerbaijan is committed to helping Armenia reintegrate with its neighbors and heal the wounds of war by generating economic cooperation and growth.
2. **President Joe Biden sent a congratulatory letter to Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev**, wishing the people of Azerbaijan "a joyous and prosperous Novruz Bayram." President Biden pledged to work with Azerbaijan "to address common security concerns and regional reconciliation," and he expressed support for Azerbaijan's efforts to diversify its economy and develop energy opportunities in the Caspian region. He added, "The United States looks forward to exploring new opportunities for economic cooperation." The full letter is [here](#).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,
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Benefits of peace: Armenia will get gas via Azerbaijan

Azerbaijan facilitates the transportation of gas to Armenia for the first time since both nations' independence, as they work to reopen communication links following the November 10 ceasefire agreement that ended last year's war. This step is another sign of how Azerbaijan is committed to help Armenia reintegrate with its neighbors and thereby to heal the wounds of war by generating economic cooperation and economic growth.

On March 16, 2021 Gazprom Export and the State Oil Company of Azerbaijan (SOCAR) signed a short-term contract for the transportation of Russian gas to Armenia through the territory of Azerbaijan.¹

Under the deal, SOCAR will temporarily receive gas from Russia and then deliver it to neighboring Georgia, from where it will be exported south to Armenia, until the repair work of the North Caucasus - Transcaucasia gas pipeline will be concluded.



Source: <https://www.gazprom.com/press/news/2012/january/article128158/>

¹ <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-03-17/armenians-to-get-gas-via-azerbaijan-for-first-time-in-30-years>