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Sharing the below release from the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan featuring the commitment of Azerbaijan's two largest airlines to purchase six aircraft by the end of 2017. Please let me know if you have any questions.



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Azerbaijan to Buy Six More Boeing Aircraft

WASHINGTON (Oct. 10) – Azerbaijan's two largest airlines will buy another six Boeing aircraft by the end of 2017, contributing to the US economy and job growth, the U.S. Embassy of Azerbaijan announced today.

Azerbaijan Airlines (AZAL) plans to sign a contract to buy four Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft, while Silk Way Airlines will acquire two more Boeing 747-8 F airplanes. These new purchases are Azerbaijan's fourth major investment in Boeing aircraft since 2015

“We are proud that Azerbaijan is buying six new airplanes from Boeing,” said Elin Suleymanov, Azerbaijan's ambassador to the United States. “This marks the latest investment by our country in American-made products, the American economy and in American workers.”

In 2015, AZAL — Azerbaijan's flagship carrier and largest airline — acquired its first Boeing 787 Dreamliner, assembled at the company's Charleston, South Carolina, plant, which is home to 7,500 workers. Meanwhile, in April of this year, Azerbaijan's Silk Way Airlines purchased 10 new Boeing 737-MAX 8 aircraft, which will be built at the Boeing's assembly plant in Renton, Washington, which employs more than 12,000 workers. These aircraft will be begin flying in 2018. In

2015, Silk Way purchased three Boeing 747-8 freighters manufactured at Boeing's Everett, Wash., plant, home to 30,000 employees.

Azerbaijan Airlines and Silk Way Airlines operate direct passenger flights between Baku and New York and direct cargo flights between Baku and Chicago. Azerbaijan is emerging as a regional transportation hub along the historic Silk Road thanks to major investments in infrastructure including a new airport, an advanced cargo terminal and the largest port on the Caspian Sea.

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