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REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

**FIRST ENERGY PLANNING CONFERENCE
OF ARMENIA**

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C h a i r m a n ' s M e s s a g e

Armenia is currently going through a serious economic crisis. It is impossible to overcome this crisis without resolving the energy problems it is facing.

There are short-term, mid-term, and long-term problems which need to be addressed. The short-term problems arise from lack of sufficient fuel, both oil and gas, and the need for stocking minimum reserves of fuel for the coming winter.

Mid-term problems reflect the need for new generating capacity in order to overcome the shortage caused by the shut-down of the Metzamor Nuclear Power Plant in 1989. Associated fuel supply problems must also be addressed. The resolution of the short-term and mid-term problems together will relieve the current crisis almost catastrophic situation.

Long-term issues, on the other hand, relate to the goal of achieving energy independence for Armenia. This goal will primarily call for full exploration and utilization of Armenia's indigenous energy resources.

The resolution of our energy problems is impossible without the involvement of domestic and foreign companies, and the utilization of new technologies and equipment. Development of appropriate legal and tax policies, as well as new institutional and organizational arrangements in the energy sector, are also of critical importance.

Armenia is entering the international energy market with very limited experience in strategic energy planning. Your broad experience and knowledge will help us avoid mistakes, maximize the value of our scarce resources. We do welcome investments by the Armenian community in Armenia's energy sector, not simply for patriotic reasons, but also for the purpose of realizing attractive returns. Together we can transform Armenia into an energy independent and economically prosperous nation.

The organizers of the Conference are preparing to offer every convenience to the participants, and wish them a most fruitful visit to Armenia. I am looking forward to meeting with you at the First Energy Planning Conference of Armenia.

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State Minister

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Participation

Participants in the conference will include primarily energy experts from Armenia and abroad with strong backgrounds in different fields of energy. The number of those from the diaspora is limited to approximately 25 to ensure that the conference will be a working conference.

Conference Topics

The conference will consist of panel discussions preceded by an overview of the economy and the energy situation and a presentation of the national energy plan given by officials of the Armenian government. The topics will cover underground resources, fuel and transport, thermal and electric energy, nuclear power, renewable energy resources, energy conservation, finance, and energy systems organization and management. Workshops are also being planned on various topics of interest to energy specialists.

The events will include:

1. Opening Ceremony
2. Welcoming Reception
3. Presentation of energy plan
4. Panels
5. Plenary session
6. Workshops
7. Closing ceremony
8. Tours of plants
9. Badarak at Echmiadzin
10. Cultural program
11. Sightseeing

Registration Fee

There will be a registration fee of US \$100 for a participant and US \$50 for an accompanying guest. The fees will defray expenses of organizing the sessions and workshops, publishing the conference abstracts, the farewell banquet, entertainment and social events, and sightseeing tours. Fees not already paid will be collected at registration time (see enclosed program).

Tours and Sightseeing

Arrangements will be made for the following events:

Tours of Yerevan City, the Matenadaran, the museum of ancient manuscripts.

Tour of Garni - Geghard.

Visiting open air exhibitions by artists and craftsmen.

Visit to Sardarapat, Metzamor, Zvartnotz.

Visit to Khor Virab Monastery or Lake Sevan.