



**His Eminence,  
Sheikh-ul-Islam Allahshukur Pashazadeh,  
Chairman of the Baku Global Summit of Religious Leaders on the Margins of  
COP29 and Chairman of the Caucasus Muslims Board,  
Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan**

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I would like to convey my deepest gratitude to you for hosting the Global Summit of Religious Leaders in Baku on 5-7 November 2024 on the margins of COP29. It was indeed a privilege for me to represent H.E. Mr. Hissein Brahim Taha, Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in this important meeting.

The Republic of Azerbaijan, as a host of COP29, has manifested its dynamic vision under the leadership of President Ilham Heydar oglu Aliyev, to lead the international community at this critical juncture in our collective efforts to address the climate change challenge. Your leadership in hosting the gathering of religious leaders and scholars and representatives of organizations across the globe demonstrated your commitment and highlighted the importance of collective endeavor of religious communities to play their role and engage in efforts to address the global challenge of climate change. The discussions in 2-days meeting reflected a range of views with a consensus on protecting our planet. Your presence in the meeting amplified the message of interfaith harmony.

One day trip to Karabakh under your leadership provided me and all other participants a unique opportunity to witness firsthand the situation in the liberated territories. It was also a reflection of the commitment of the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan to reconstruct the devastated areas.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to convey my appreciation and congratulations to your team for their professionalism, commitment, hospitality and positive attitude. From the time of arrival till departure, we were supported and looked after with generosity. This was an enriching and unforgettable trip to Baku and Karabakh.

Please accept, Your Eminence, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Respectful Regards.

**Ambassador Aftab A. Khokher  
(Assistant Secretary General for Science and  
Technology)**