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**Chairman of the Organizing Committee
of the Baku Global Summit of Religious
Leaders on the margins of COP29,
Chairman of the Caucasus Muslims Board
His Virtue
SHEKH-UL-ISLAM
ALLAHSHUKUR PASHAZAADEH**

**Dear Brother
SHEKH-UL-ISLAM ALLAHSHUKUR PASHAZAADEH!**

On behalf of the 25 million Russian Ummah, the Religious Board of Muslims of the Russian Federation and myself personally, I express my deep gratitude to you for organizing the Global Summit of Religious Leaders “World Religions for a Green Planet” on the sidelines of the 29th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP29).

This summit brought together religious leaders from over 60 countries, representing more than 30 different world and traditional religions, fostering an environment of trust and friendship. This gathering reflects the success of long-term initiatives aimed at promoting interfaith dialogue and multiculturalism, which have thrived under the esteemed guidance of His Excellency, President Ilham Aliyev, contributing to Azerbaijan's global reputation in facilitating civilizational dialogue.

The representativeness of the summit is a testament to your esteemed standing in the international community of religious figures. Your appeal for unity in advocating for nature conservation and securing a safe future for humanity has resonated across the globe, instilling hope that, by the grace of Allah Almighty, our efforts will benefit all forms of life on Earth. The closing statement from summit participants was a collective plea for people worldwide to commit to preserving our shared future.

The visit to the historically affected Karabakh, which is now witnessing both physical and spiritual rejuvenation due to President Ilham Aliyev's efforts, left a lasting impression on me and the delegation from the Religious Board of Muslims of the Russian Federation. While it was painful to witness the destruction caused by decades of occupation, especially the damage to religious sites, it was uplifting to observe the active restoration of cultural heritage and the shared joy among the Azerbaijani people in reclaiming justice. It was clear that there is a collective determination to foster a peaceful existence in Karabakh, with pride in their nation evident among all citizens.

I believe that the visit to Karabakh during the Global Summit of Religious Leaders served as a poignant illustration to the global community of the destructive consequences of occupation, contrasted with the Azerbaijani state's constructive response.

I am confident that all participants of the Global Summit of Religious Leaders, "World Religions for a Green Planet," taking place from November 5-7, 2024, in Baku will remember these days filled with fraternal communication and rapprochement, admiration for the modern development of the Azerbaijani capital and the active revival of Karabakh.

Offering kind prayers and words of gratitude to the Caucasus Muslims Administration and the leadership of Azerbaijan, I express the readiness of the Muslims of Russia to fully support such God-pleasing initiatives! With all my heart I wish further strengthening and prosperity to the Azerbaijani Ummah and all the people of the Republic of Azerbaijan!

Sincerely,

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**Chief Mufti Sheikh Ravil Gaynutdin,
Chairman of the Religious Board of Muslims of the Russian Federation,
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