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Your Excellency,

Sheikh ul-Islam Allahshukur Pashazade,

Allow me to express my deepest gratitude and respect both for the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, His Excellency Mr. Ilham Aliyev and you, personally, and for the organizers of the 29th Session of the Conference working within the framework of the Convention on Climate Change of the United Nations who made their special contribution to the organization of the Summit of Religious Leaders held in Baku (the Republic of Azerbaijan) on November 5-6, the result of which, we believe, will be highly important and useful for the implementation of measures which signify striving against climate change.

As is known, in the coming decades, climate change will remain one of the main challenges of the modern world, and it will be possible to deal with it solely through joint, universal efforts. The mentioned problem cannot be solved by a single country, or a region, or any continent - everyone must be part of it, including the leaders of world religions and those of traditional ones, whose participation in the mentioned summit is highly important due to the fact that the common vision and approach of religious leaders in the context of the strive against climate change can be another additional factor in resolving this issue positively.

We express our hope that the decisions made at this most important forum organized by Azerbaijan will make a special contribution to the mitigation of climate change and adaptation of countries to the already changed climate.

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