

# Joint Statement Regarding the Euro-Asian Oil Transportation Corridor

Kyiv, 23 May 2008

We, the Presidents of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Poland and Ukraine,

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION preliminary conclusions of the Feasibility Study for the EAOTC project presented at the Energy Forum on 22 May 2008 in Kyiv, and

RECOGNISING the importance of EAOTC project in increasing and strengthening the energy security of the participating countries through the establishment of the reliable route for the transportation of the hydrocarbon resources from the Caspian region via the territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Poland and Ukraine to international markets;

ACKNOWLEDGING the importance of the decision of the Ukrainian Side to use the Odesa-Brody oil pipeline in the originally projected direction.

HEREBY declare as follows:

Speeding-up the implementation of EAOTC project and the quickest commencement of the Caspian crude transportation through the said route remains one of the priorities for our countries.

In this context,

We shall endeavour to seek the new opportunities for the establishment of the favourable conditions for the implementation of EAOTC project on the territory of own countries;

We highly estimate the achievement of the agreements regarding the implementation of the experiment on the batching the light sweet Ukrainian crude through Druzhba oil pipeline system from Ukraine via the Slovak Republic to the customers in the Czech Republic.

We believe that the successful completion of this experiment could open the opportunity to arrange in the nearest time regular supplies of crude from the Caspian region to the customers in Eastern and Central Europe and facilitate the possibility of starting the implementation of the EAOTC project.

We consider it worthwhile to encourage other interested countries to take part in the activities of the EAOTC through the participation in Sarmatia Sp. z o.o.

We believe that political and financial support of the EAOTC project by the European Commission will help to improve the energy security of the European Union.