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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Special Envoy for Eurasian Energy Supports Southern Corridor**

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The U.S. Embassy in Azerbaijan notes that Ambassador Richard Morningstar, the U.S. Special Envoy for Eurasian Energy, wishes to clarify inaccurate media accounts of his statements at his press conference in Baku on November 15. Ambassador Morningstar underscores U.S. support for the Southern Corridor, which will carry Azerbaijani natural gas to Europe, and consist of one or more pipeline projects that are commercially viable and strategically significant. Nabucco continues to be a highly desirable political and strategic option. As with any pipeline, it must be commercially viable. There will ultimately be large amounts of gas to ship through Georgia and Turkey to Europe. If a smaller pipeline is chosen to ship the first Shah Deniz gas to Europe, we believe it should provide gas to vulnerable countries in Europe and there should be concrete, written guarantees that the pipeline will be expanded as more gas becomes available. We will support any pipeline in the Southern Corridor that meets these conditions.

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