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# Sitting Of The Armenian-Russian Intergovernmental Commission Launches In Yerevan

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The sitting of the Armenian-Russian Intergovernmental Commission on Issues of Economic Cooperation between the Republic of Armenia and the Russian Federation started at "Metropol" Hotel today. Before the sitting would start, Co-Chairs of the Commission - Prime Minister of Armenia Tigran Sargsyan and Transport Minister of Russia Igor Levitin - had a face-to face meeting. Later the Co-Chairs participated in the opening of the 10th plenary sitting of the Intergovernmental Commission. In his speech Co-Chair of the Commission, RA Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan said, in part:

"The first sitting of the Commission that took place in Yerevan on July 1st, 1997, marked a new stage of economic cooperation between our countries.

The following years showed that we have an opportunity to both solve the existing problems and issues, and determine the perspectives of our long-term cooperation and discover new directions.

Today we can state with satisfaction that stable traditions of activity of the Intergovernmental Commission have been shaped. The Co-Chairs hold periodic meetings, which is important for coordinating the activity of the Commission between the sittings.

I'm sure that today's sitting will become the logical continuation of the way passed over the past ten years and will provide an opportunity to solve issues of reciprocal interest.

The current 10th sitting of the Commission is important also because it takes place on the eve of the visit of the President of Russia Dmirtry Medvedev to Armenia, and I hope that the results of our work will be positively assessed by the leaders of our countries."

Co-Chairs of the Armenian-Russian Intergovernmental commission, Russian Transport Minister Igor Levitin first thanked for warm welcome and noted: "The economic cooperation between our countries continues developing and it's natural to hope that the bilateral commodity turnover may reach \$1 billion this year. It's not the upper limit, we have more ambitious programs in the long-term perspective, and I'd like to say that the Armenian-Russian Intergovernmental Commission fairly plays a great role in the cooperation of our economic and business sectors.

I would like to thank experts of both Russian and Armenian sides for the productive activity of our Commission, as well as representatives of businesses, who help develop relations between our countries."

The participants of the sitting discussed and adopted decisions on the process of accomplishment of the protocol of the 9th sitting of the Armenian-Russian Intergovernmental Commission on Issues of Economic Cooperation between the Republic of Armenia and the Russian Federation held on September 14, 2007, the trade-economic relations between the two countries, the current state and perspectives of the contractual-legal basis, cooperation in the fields of fuel and energy system, transport and ecology.

At the end of the sitting Tigran Sargsyan and Igor Levitin signed the Protocol of the 10th sitting of the Intergovernmental Commission, following which the Co-Chairs gave a joint press conference.

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