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## Azerbaijan and France sign 9 protocols.

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Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev began his visit to France by laying a wreath on the grave of Unknown Soldier today, APA European bureau reports. Then the President visited Paris Mayor's Office.

The head of the state was welcomed by Mayor of Paris Bertran Delanoë. The Mayor of Paris said he is pleased to welcome Azerbaijani President and is satisfied with the development of the relations between the two countries. Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev spoke about economic development of Azerbaijan, great economic projects of the region and Nagorno Karabakh problem. After the meeting with the mayor a reception was given in honour of the Azerbaijani President.

Later the delegation led by Azerbaijani President met with the Prime Minister of France Dominique de Villepin. It was noted the cooperation between Azerbaijan and France is developing and the documents to be signed will play a great role in the further cooperation.

Later 9 documents were signed between Azerbaijan and France. They are:

- 'Agreement on mutual assistance and cooperation in the sphere of civil defence and defence' between Azerbaijan and French governments
- Memorandum on cooperation between Azerbaijani Culture and Tourism Ministry and French Culture and Communication Ministry
- Protocol on cooperation in the sphere of museum between Azerbaijani Culture and Tourism Ministry and French Culture and Communication Ministry
- Memorandum on cooperation between National Libraries of both countries
- Agreement on cooperation in the sphere of crediting between Azerbaijani and French governments
- Understanding memorandum between Azerbaijan State Committee of Family, Women and Children's issues and French Ministry of Labour and Social Equality
- Agreement on scientific cooperation between Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences and French Scientific Investigations Center
- Agreement on clearing the territories around Baku from waste between Azerbaijani Economic Development Ministry and French organization Svint
- Agreement on buying four planes between Azerbaijan Air Lines and French company

Later Azerbaijani President met with the President of the French Senate Christian Ponssele. Azerbaijani President is also expected to meet with the President of French National Assembly Jean-Louis Debré, French Foreign Minister Phillippe Doust-Blazy, French Defence Minister Michele Alliot-Marie, Minister of Agriculture and Fishing Dominique Bussereau, Minister Delegate for Veterans' Affairs Hamlaoui Mekachera today.

The president is accompanied by Minister of Foreign Affairs Elmar Mammadyarov, Emergencies Minister Kemaleddin Heydarov, Minister of Economic Development Heydar Babayev and other members of the government and businessmen. /APA/

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