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The participants and organisers of the IXth International Conference "Energy Dialogue: Russia-European Union – the Gas Aspects", Eurogas and the Russian Gas Society (hereafter referred to as Parties) would like to note the following:

- 1) Regular dialogue between the European Union and Russian gas industries in the framework of our annual international conference is an important element of cooperation and an essential platform for the broad exchange of opinions between the gas industry in Russia and in the EU. Sustainable and reliable gas supplies can be discussed, and policy recommendations outlined.
- 2) Natural gas should keep its significant role in the energy mix of the EU countries and the Russian Federation in the long-term and the use of natural gas will develop in line with technological innovation. The Parties aspire to broaden the themes of their international events in order to develop unified, open, and competitive natural gas markets, to increase the security of gas supplies, and to ensure favorable conditions and a predictable regulatory environment for investment in production, transportation and the efficient use of natural gas.
- 3) The Parties will continue to contribute actively to the EU-Russia energy dialogue and to support implementation of steps identified in the "EU/Russia Roadmap for Energy Cooperation until 2050" as well as the mechanism for preventing emergency situations in the energy sector, using the framework of the EU-Russia energy dialogue.
- 4) The Parties welcome steps taken by the European Union to improve the way in which renewable energies and natural gas can work together.
- 5) The Parties believe that in the circumstances of the political crisis in Ukraine the construction of new international gas pipelines, including South Stream, TAP and other projects that diversify supply, as well as measures that enable the full load of all pipelines would improve the energy security of EU countries in general and of Eastern Europe in particular.
- 6) The Parties support information exchange on the development of the regulatory frameworks in the EU and Russian Federation gas sectors.


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