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**PRESIDENT ILHAM ALIYEV ADDRESSED 8TH EUROPEAN POLITICAL COMMUNITY SUMMIT VIA VIDEO**

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*The 8th Summit of the European Political Community (EPC) was held on May 4 in Yerevan, the capital of Armenia. President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev addressed the event via video link.*

Speech by President Ilham Aliyev

- Good morning and greetings from Baku. First of all, I would like to express my gratitude to President Costa for the invitation to address the EPC Summit.

During President Costas visit to Azerbaijan less than two months ago, we discussed my participation in the summit and agreed that I would join in a video format. I would also like to inform the audience that during my meeting with Mr. President Costa and President von der Leyen in Tirana a year ago, they asked for my opinion about the idea of organizing the May 2026 Summit in Armenia. I supported that. In my turn, I asked, in order to preserve a balanced approach, to hold one of the next summits in Azerbaijan. The proposal was accepted. So, I invite the members of the EPC to Azerbaijan in May 2028. By the way, Armenia also supported our candidacy. This is a clear indication that peace between Azerbaijan and Armenia is a reality. We have lived in peace for only nine months, and we are learning to live in peace.

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