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***DRAFT PROGRAM OF THE 8TH RUSSIAN-ARMENIAN INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION***

 ***“EXPO-RUSSIA ARMENIA 2018” AND “YEREVAN BUSINESS FORUM”***

 *Yerevan Expo Centre at the Yerevan Computer Research and Development Institute (3 Akopyan Street).*

 *October 17-19, 2018. The exhibition is held under the auspices of the*

 *Russian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.*

***(Draft valid as of June 5, 2018)***

 ***October 15, Monday*** *(before the inauguration of the exhibition)*

***16:00-17:30 Press conference*** *of the heads of Organizing Committee, embassy, trade delegation, and representatives of other government agencies for Russian, Armenian and foreign journalists, devoted to the opening of the EXPO-RUSSIA ARMENIA 2018 exhibition.*

***October 17, Wednesday***

***12:00-12:20 EXPO-RUSSIA ARMENIA 2018 inauguration ceremony. Yerevan Expo Centre, 3 Akopyan Street.***

***Armenian Prime Minister Nikol PASHINYAN is expected to attend***

***(Artsvik MINASYAN, head of the newly established Ministry of Economic Development and Investments of the Republic of Armenia, is likely to attend too)***

***Welcome speech of Russian Ambassador Sergey KOPYRKIN***

*(reading out of the welcome speech of Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov)*

***Sergey TSYB,*** *The First Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation, is likely to attend and deliver a welcome speech*

*Welcome speeches of ministers by the Republic of Armenia*

*Welcome speech by Andrey BABKO, Russia’s Trade Representative in Armenia*

*Welcome speech by the Organizing Committee Chairman, David VARTANOV*

*Reading out of welcome speeches of chief executives of Russian ministries of transport, economic development, and the Russian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.*

*Officials and dignitaries make a tour of the exhibition. (diplomats from Austria, Belarus, Bulgaria, Kazakhstan, Poland, Serbia, Spain, the Australian trade delegation and the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) Board).*

***13:50-16:00 Yerevan Business Forum: “Prospects for Expanding Economic and Innovation Cooperation Between Russia and Armenia Following Armenia’s Ascension to the EAEU”*** Speakers include representatives of ministries, government agencies, territories and regions of the Republic of Armenia and the Russian Federation. Presentation of ten *marzers* of Armenia, city halls of Yerevan and other cities. Presentation of Russian regions and companies that taking part in the exhibition. Armenian Minister of Finance Atom JANJUGHAZYAN and Minister of Territorial Administration and Development Suren PAPIKYAN are expected to attend the exhibition.

***October 18, Thursday***

**9:30-13:00 Networking Facility - Hall - Yerevan Expo and also exhibitors’ stalls**

***14:30-16:00 Roundtable at the Armenian Ministry of Transport, Communication and IT.*** Host - Ashot HAKOBYAN, minister (assumed office on May 12, 2018) or his deputy Amaliya YEGOYAN.

Topics suggested for discussion:

* *“Ways to Improve the Transport System of the Southern Caucasus in the Process of Development of Trade and Economic Relations Between Russia and Armenia”.*
* *“Innovation Dimensions of Russian-Armenian Cooperation in the Use of Long-Range Radio Communications Including Space Communication”.*
* *“Russian-Armenian Cooperation in Air Traffic Control”.*

Senior staff members of the ministry are expected to attend. The roundtable provides for panel sessions to be held at the following ministry divisions: 1. Directorate for Armenian Motorways, 2. Republican Telecommunications Centre, 3. Department of Transportation Policies of Armenia, 4. ZAO Spetssvyaz.

***16:00-17:30 Roundtable at the Armenian Ministry of Energy Infrastructures and Natural Resources.*** Host - Artur GRIGORYAN, minister (appointed on May 12, 2018).

* *“Topical Issues of Russian-Armenian Interaction in the Field of Nuclear, Conventional and Alternative Energy, Development of Energy-Saving Technologies”.*
* *“Participation of Russian Specialists in Supplying Equipment for the Second Unit of the Metsamor NPP”.*
* *“Russian-Armenian Cooperation in the Uses of New Mining Equipment (*for mining and processing industry specialists*).* Armenian attendees include representatives of the Nuclear Energy Department, the State Energy Inspectorate, the Department of Energy-Saving Technologies, the State Commission on Nuclear Safety, Начальник: Корюн Акопян

and the Agency of Mineral Resources.

***Roundtable at the Ministry of Agriculture of Armenia (time to be confirmed)***

Host - Arthur KHACHATRYAN, Minister of Agriculture

*State-of-the-Art**Technology in Agriculture. Presentation of Companies.*

*Financing of Agriculture and Farming in Armenia.*

***October 19, Friday Начальник: Хачик Сапонджян***

***Roundtable at the Ministry of Healthcare of Armenia (time to be confirmed)***

Host - Arsen TOROSYAN, Minister of Healthcare, or his deputy Sergey Khachatryan. Proposed topic: *“Russian-Armenian Cooperation in the Development of Medical Equipment and Joint Efforts to Tackle the Spread of Counterfeit Medications in Armenia”.* Attendees - heads of the government healthcare agency, the disease control inspectorate, and medical centres of the Republic of Armenia. Possibility of holding the Russian-Armenian Medical Forum within the framework of the exhibition and the meeting of the working group of medical specialists of our countries are under consideration.

***Roundtable at the Ministry of Education and Science of Armenia***

Host - Arayik HARUTYUNYAN, minister, appointed on May 20, 2018 or deputy Arevik ANAPIOSYAN. Proposed topics: *“Prospects for Expanding Russian-Armenian Cooperation in the Field of Higher and Secondary Education. Activity of Branches of Russian Universities and Colleges in Armenia”.* Following the decision of the CIS Council of Heads of State to proclaim the Year of Education in the Commonwealth of Independent States, the Organizing Committee has decided to make it a priority. Jointly with the Rossotrudnichestvo office in Armenia, it is planned to explore the possibility of signing “on the sidelines of the exhibition” an agreement on cooperation between Russian and Armenian institutions of higher education. Invitees include lecturers from Brusov University of Foreign Languages, Yerevan State University, Yerevan Komitas State Conservatory, Mkhitar Heratsi Medical University, Russian-Armenian (Slavonic) University, Armenian State University of Economics (A.S.U.E.), Yerevan University of Management, Haybusak University of Yerevan, Moscow State University branch and other institutions. They will discuss ways to enable students from Armenia to study at the Moscow Automobile and Road Construction State Technical University on government-sponsored scholarships and on a contractual basis.

PLEASE ADVISE THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
 IF YOUR COMPANY INTENDS TO ATTEND THE ROUNDTABLES
(PLEASE INDICATE THE FULL NAMES OF SPEAKERS, SUBJECTS OF SPEECHES AND THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS ON THE ARMENIAN SIDE).

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