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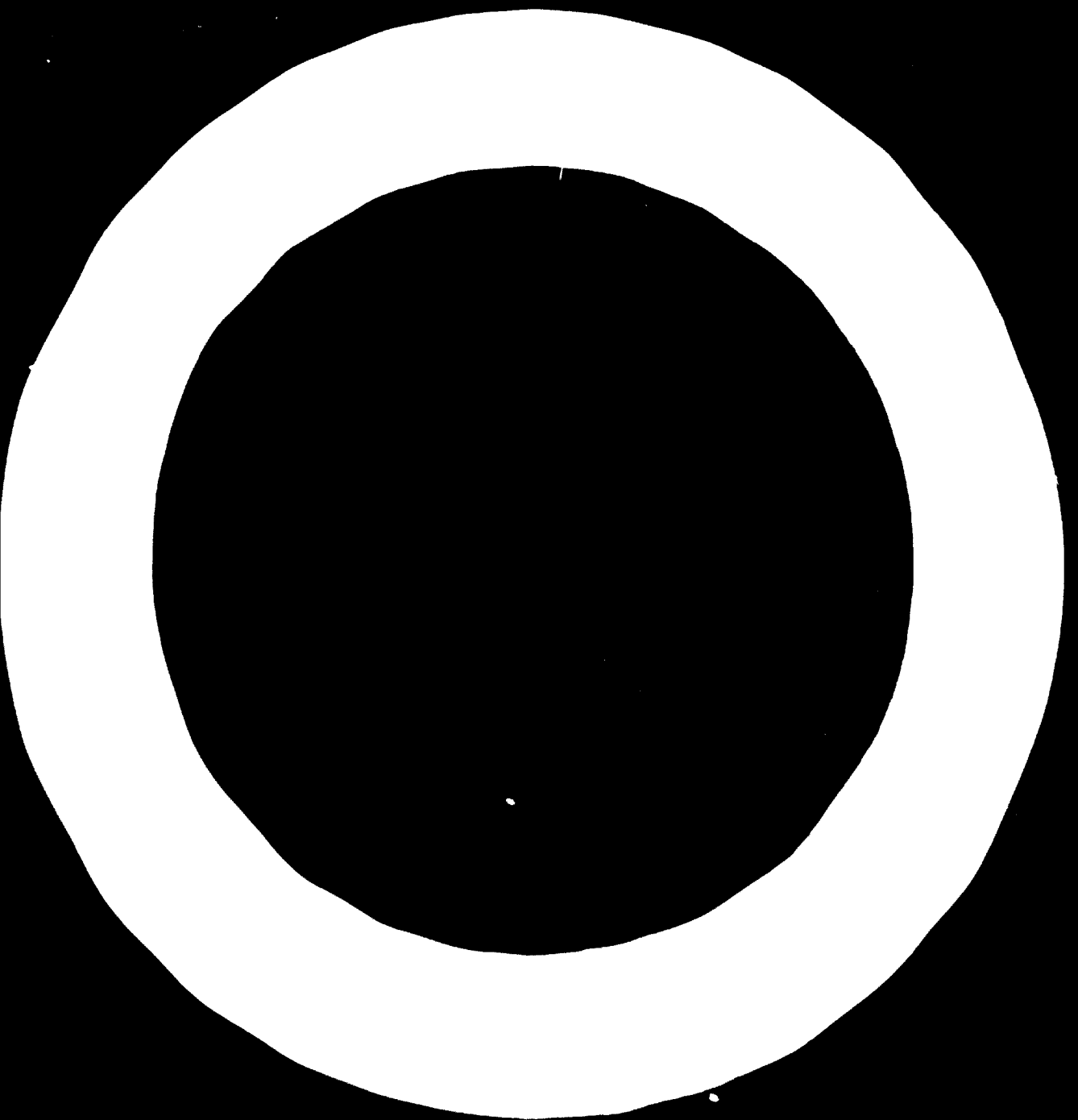
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CONCLUDING SPEECH OF THE SYMPOSIUM

by

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Director of the Symposium



Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

At this concluding session of the Symposium it is my duty, privilege and pleasure to say a few words.

First of all I wish to thank the Organizing Committee of the USSR and the Azerbaijan SSR for their kind co-operation and hard work to bring this Symposium to a successful completion. As all of you know, Minister Sorokin has been with us till the last day and helped us in many difficult situations. Minister Guseynov, Deputy Minister Babayev and Deputy Minister Mamedov have been of great assistance during the Symposium. To Mr. Litvinsko, who was the key man in the Organizing Committee, and his co-workers I extend our congratulations and appreciation. Our special thanks are due to Mr. Akhmedov, Chief of the Board of Foreign Tourism under the Council of the Ministers of Azerbaijan, who took particular care of those of us who became ill or who needed assistance for their travel plans.

In spite of some difficulties and personal inconveniences, the participants from developing countries and the participants (observers) from developed countries have co-operated and have contributed greatly to the success of the Symposium. I would like to apologize to them for any personal inconveniences or difficulties experienced during the Symposium.

As you know, this Symposium was held under the contributions of the member countries to the United Nations and the voluntary contribution of the U.S.S.R. to UNIDO. The time, effort and money spent can only be justified by the results of the Symposium. There is a growing feeling that the cost benefit ratio of such large symposia should be advantageous for sponsoring any future meetings. I hope that the participants from developing countries have been able to benefit from the papers presented and the discussions which followed, and the contacts they have made during the Symposium. Some indications have been obtained for possible technical assistance in the petrochemical field by UNIDO. We shall certainly follow up these indications from the UNIDO side, but shall look forward to your co-operation in developing these ideas after your return to your respective countries. We shall look forward and expect all of us to maintain contacts with UNIDO and help us as the contact points in your respective countries. Many of the

participants from the developed countries have contributed their valuable time and experience to this Symposium. I wish to thank them and request them to continue their co-operation in our work in USSR.

We are especially grateful to the distinguished participants from the U.S.S.R., the academicians, scientists, engineers and chemists who contributed to the substance of the Symposium. To the President of the Academy of Sciences of Azerbaijan and Chairman of the Symposium, Dr. Kamilov, we are extremely grateful for granting permission to hold the Symposium in the hall of the Academy of Sciences and for the use of the rooms on the third floor. I must apologize to several of the distinguished members of the Academy whose rooms were temporarily placed at the disposal of the Symposium. I am sure that this has caused great inconvenience to them but let me assure you that your gesture of goodwill in accommodating us is greatly appreciated.

Next I would like to thank all our consultants, sectional chairmen, sectional co-chairmen, rapporteurs, and the technical co-director for the able way in which they had carried out their functions. But for their hard work and co-operation we could not have carried out the programme of the and prepared the draft report.

To my colleagues from USSR and from the B. states, let me say that their co-operation and assistance have helped us completing our work in the satisfactory. During the last two days they had to work hard and long hours for the compilation and reproduction of the draft report. I extend my gratitude and thank them to them.

The interpreters and the reporting staff from USSR and elsewhere in U.S.S.R. have done a wonderful job in their extremely difficult stages and I want to thank them and request our appreciation of their co-operation.

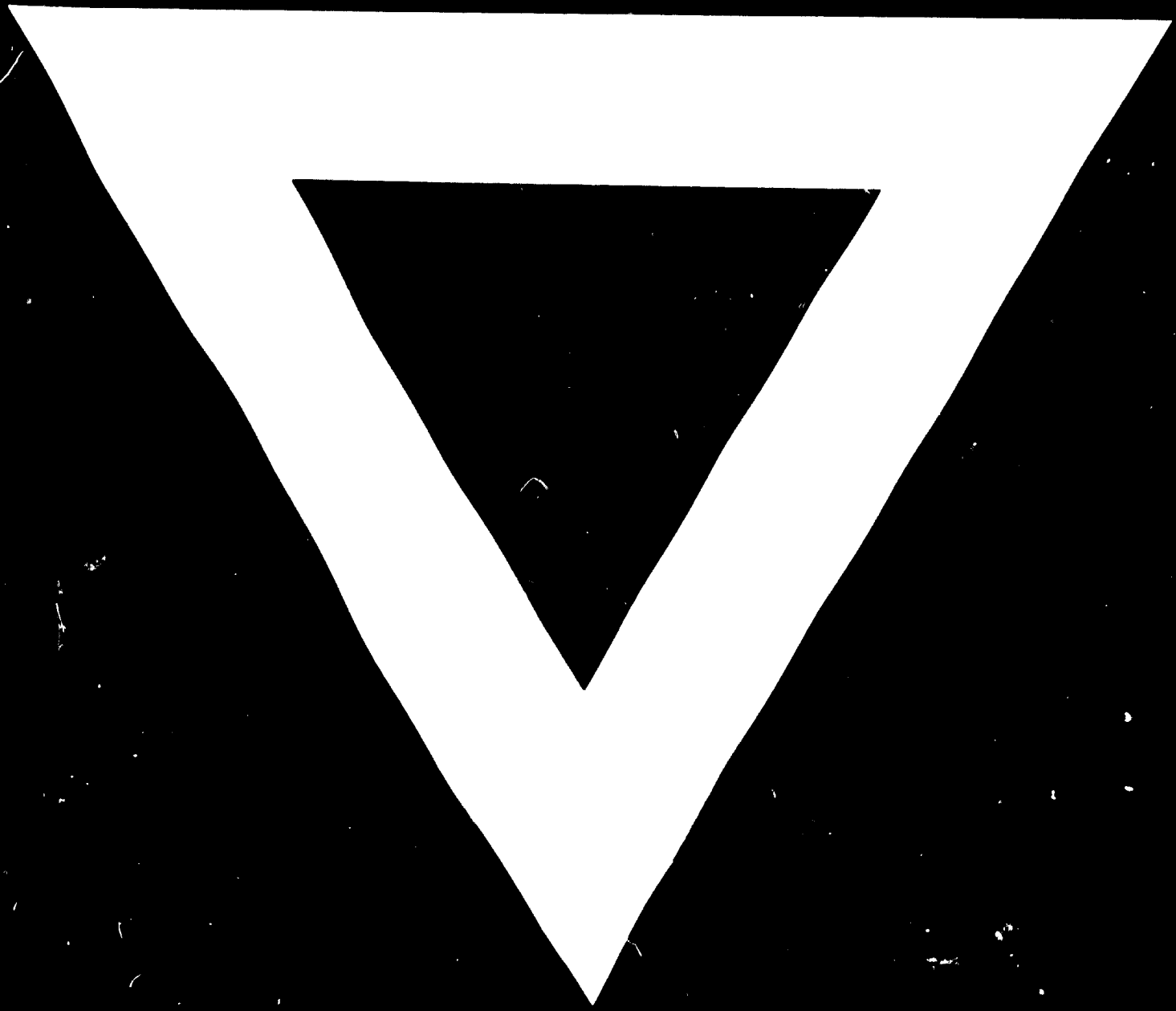
I also wish to thank the authorities of the Azerbaidzhan, the participation of the off-shore field and facilities in the Caspian Sea, the oilfield and petrochemical research institutes and the authorities of the chemical refinery and petrochemical plants for arranging visits and for their hospitality.

To the honourable mayors of Baku and the city of Sumgait I convey the appreciation of all participants of the Symposium for their hospitality.

To all participants of the Symposium I extend my warmest greetings and hope you will have a pleasant trip home.

Thank you.





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