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Your Excellency, Mr. Ambassador,
Honourable Deputy Minister,
Dear Colleagues,
Dear Distinguished Guests,

I would like to welcome you all today at the 1st Tirana Pipelines Safety Workshop.

Safety unquestionably is a key element of all activities but especially in the field of Natural Gas Transmission Systems is of paramount importance.

Allow me firstly to give you background information. The idea of organizing a workshop on Pipelines Safety occurred nearly six months ago at the «Albania Oil, Gas & Energy 2015 Summit» (18/3/2015).

This initiative is the result of a discussion with the President and Managing Director of Management Force Group, Dr. Panopoulos and the Deputy Ministry of Energy and Industry at that time, Mr. Ducka, during which we agreed that safety, is a high priority in the field of energy, in general.

More specifically Greece could share her valuable experience in Natural Gas Transmission Systems and contribute to the safe gasification of Albania by know-how transfer.

It was a great satisfaction that our initiative was more than welcomed by all the distinguished participants. Today, we are pleased to have with us leading Greek companies with high experience, that already work on the field for the construction of TAP in Albania, as well as representatives of Ministries, associations, agencies, academia, diplomatic missions and major companies.

Our intention is to have a series of workshops in the future regularly.

To this aim, I would like to point out our willingness to support the next workshops and our readiness to cooperate in order to identify specific topics to be further elaborated in order to promote business cooperation with mutual benefits.

I would like to thank you for your participation and I wish a fruitful workshop.

Allow me now to give the floor to His Excellency the Ambassador of Greece in Albania Mr. Leonidas Rokanas.