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The Honorable Fumio Kishida
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cc:

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Dear Prime Minister Kishida,

Today on the sidelines of the CERAWEEK conference in Houston, Texas, senior executives of our organizations met with representatives of G7 nations to discuss the unique and vital role of natural gas in meeting shared energy security and climate objectives.

Industry leaders encouraged participating officials, led by Mr. Takeshi Soda of the Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, to affirm the crucial contributions of natural gas to global energy security at the upcoming G7 energy ministerial as well as the G7 Summit in Hiroshima this May. In addition to immeasurable security benefits, continued development of natural gas and liquefied natural gas (LNG) markets is necessary to stabilize volatile global energy markets and complement the expansion of renewable energy while accelerating the phase-out of coal-fired power generation.

In addition to affirming the key role of LNG, our industry is committed to ensuring natural gas projects are aligned with international climate objectives. In particular, we support the global effort to reduce methane emissions and are eager to partner with governments around the world on the important technical and policy work necessary to advance international methane reduction initiatives. Our members are also aggressively pursuing innovation and investment in technologies to measure and reduce methane emissions throughout the value chain, while also

working to accelerate development of promising low-carbon technologies, including biomethane and renewable natural gas (RNG), CCUS, hydrogen, ammonia, and e-methane. We hope the G7 will expand its efforts in these areas, including proactively implementing the policy changes required to support these technologies.

Additionally, our energy security forum discussion emphasized the importance of building on the G7's June 2022 statement recognizing "the important role increased deliveries of LNG can play" in phasing out dependency on Russian energy and that "investment in this sector is necessary in response to the current crisis." Specifically, we called on G7 leaders to advance the following priorities in its forthcoming meetings and ultimate Communiqué:

- Ensure that international commitments to expeditiously replace Russian natural gas are matched by clear and consistent supportive policies enabling achievement of this goal, including by:
 - Working with industry to encourage public and private investment in all segments of the natural gas supply chain to ensure sufficient development and availability of non-Russian supplies, while ensuring consistency with long-term climate objectives.
 - Committing to cooperate on ways to improve guidelines and practices associated with public financing of natural gas infrastructure and foster efficient and timely review of permitting of such infrastructure.
 - Supporting development of gas resources including biomethane, renewable natural gas, and other renewable and low carbon gaseous fuels.

Above all else, the G7 process is intended to advance shared economic and security interests among the world's leading democracies. The energy and financial reverberations of the war have shown that these goals cannot be achieved without fundamental progress on both energy security and climate change. Responsible development of natural gas and associated infrastructure is critical to this progress, and we look forward to working with G7 ministers and heads of state to ensure that the forthcoming meetings reflect these realities.

Sincerely,

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