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To participants, guests and organizers of
The VI Youth Forum of
The World Petroleum Council

Dear colleagues and dear friends!

I am deeply grateful to the World Petroleum Council for supporting our proposal to hold another meeting of young specialists of oil and gas industry in St. Petersburg, a Russian city with a rich history, cultural and educational traditions, that plays an important role in the modern petroleum industry in Russia.

The tasks facing the world energy sector today are becoming increasingly complex and wide scale. In conditions of competition with other energy sources, the key to successful development of the industry is innovative technologies, environmental responsibility and economic efficiency. We need fundamentally new solutions, a fresh look, and non-standard approaches.

The VI Youth Forum of the World Petroleum Council, which will be held in St. Petersburg on June 23-28, 2019, will provide young experts with a large authoritative platform for communication and discussion of topical professional issues. It is very important that this Forum is an international platform, that allows to conduct a dialogue between representatives of different countries and continents, to exchange experience and to think about the future.

I am confident that this will be a landmark professional event with a rich business agenda, an interesting cultural program and fascinating informal communication.

Welcome to Russia, to St. Petersburg!

**Minister of Energy
Of the Russian Federation
Chairman of the Organizing Committee
Of the VI Youth Forum
Of the World Petroleum Council**

Alexander Novak