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WPC President Welcome Note for the 6th WPC Youth Forum in St Petersburg

Dear Friends!

The World Petroleum Council strongly values the engagement of young people in our strategy and thinking and encourages activities to promote the recruitment and retention of young talent in all areas of the oil and gas sector. Since the first event in China in 2004, the WPC Youth Forums have been a wonderful platform to create enthusiasm amongst young professionals and future leaders for the global energy agenda and share their perspectives on current issues with our global membership.

The 6th WPC Youth Forum which will be held in St. Petersburg, Russia, as the “Future Leaders Forum” will offer a variety of professional and social opportunities to inspire and engage the next generation of our industry in a young and creative atmosphere. This is the place to meet like-minded young professionals and leaders from both national and international universities, energy companies and institutions and learn from inspirational sessions and speakers about topical international energy issues in a relaxed atmosphere perfect for networking.

With their use of interactive communication, social media and influencers, the Forum will reflect how the future workforce of the energy industry approaches issues in a different and often more entertaining way and make this event very attractive to both students and those that have been in the industry for a while. This will be an excellent platform for learning, developing and networking.

As President of the World Petroleum Council, I strongly encourage industry leaders to use this unique opportunity to listen to and learn from the perspectives of the younger generation on key issues for our society and industry – their views on the future of energy and how to attract, engage and retain talents.

St. Petersburg is one world’s most beautiful cities and will provide an unforgettable experience as well as a memorable Forum for all attendees and I am certain that the Russian Organising Committee with the full support of the Russian energy authorities, leading energy companies and sponsors will deliver and outstanding event for our local and global audience.

See you all in St. Petersburg in June 2019.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tor Fjaeran'.

**Tor Fjaeran,
President, World Petroleum Council**