



U.S. Chamber of Commerce

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Dear G7 Energy Ministers:

Our organizations are grateful for ongoing dialogue with G7 member countries on the unique and vital role of Gas¹ in meeting shared economic, energy security and environmental objectives. Following our convening today with you and representatives of your government on the sidelines of CERAWEEK conference in Houston, we write to encourage a clear affirmation of the crucial contributions of Gas to global energy security as part of upcoming G7 dialogues this year.

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, expand energy access in emerging economies, and complement the expansion of renewable energy while offering a reliable and cleaner alternative to coal-fired power generation and industrial use.

With respect to security of supply, the importance of non-Russian natural gas supplies in helping G7 nations diversify away from dependence on Russian energy is well understood. In the aftermath of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, these crucial supplies helped the people of Europe, Japan, and other nations heat and power their homes, factories, and businesses at a time of great uncertainty. The G7 should continue to recognize that further diversification is necessary, and with numerous forecasts projecting global natural gas demand to rise well into the next decade and beyond, continued investment in additional supplies of natural gas, particularly liquefied natural gas (LNG), will be needed to supply world markets.

We therefore encourage the G7 to build on past efforts by communicating clear and consistent supportive policies to ensure sufficient and additional supplies of natural gas are available to the market. By sending a clearer signal to financial institutions and other public and private stakeholders considering investments in the natural gas value chain, it will facilitate the global effort to reduce methane emissions and continue lowering the greenhouse gas emissions footprint of the natural gas that we produce, transport and consume around the world. Importantly, closer cooperation between government and industry is necessary to ensure well intended regulatory actions such as the European Union's methane regulation are aligned with industry realities and do not hinder countries' ongoing efforts to achieve energy security through diversification.

¹ Gas includes natural gas, liquefied natural gas, renewable gas and zero-low carbon gases, as detailed in IGU's Manifesto: Gas is Essential to Human Progress and Global Growth

Finally, we urge the G7 to recognize that development of natural gas and energy infrastructure—along with expanded access to other energy resources—holds great potential to provide the economic foundation necessary for developing economies to address energy poverty, raise living standards and enable human progress. As the International Gas Union explains in its campaign, *Gas is Essential to Human Progress and Global Growth*, natural gas can deliver expanded electricity access, clean cooking, and new national industries that allow countries to alleviate poverty and meet their societal goals with an energy source much cleaner and sustainable than coal or wood.

Above all else, the G7 process is intended to advance shared economic and security interests through cooperation among the world's leading democracies. Increasingly, cleaner natural gas provides the best opportunity to continue progress on emissions reductions while ensuring geopolitical and economic security imperatives can be realized. Our organizations look forward to working with G7 nations to advance clear, consistent and supportive policies building on past recognition that responsible development of Gas and its associated infrastructure is critical to achievement of these goals.

Thank you for your consideration of these views.

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Mel Ydreos
Secretary-General
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