

RSC Special Briefing The Washington Peace Summit

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RSC Briefing Issues

- The Washington “Peace Summit”
- Armenia-Azerbaijan Bilateral Peace Treaty
- Trump Route for International Peace & Prosperity (TRIPP)
- Regional Repercussions
- Domestic Implications

The Washington “Peace Summit”



Washington Peace Summit

- US presidential initiative
- Product over process
- Questionable American stamina
- Broader context of positive diplomatic momentum
- Breakthrough: opening & opportunity

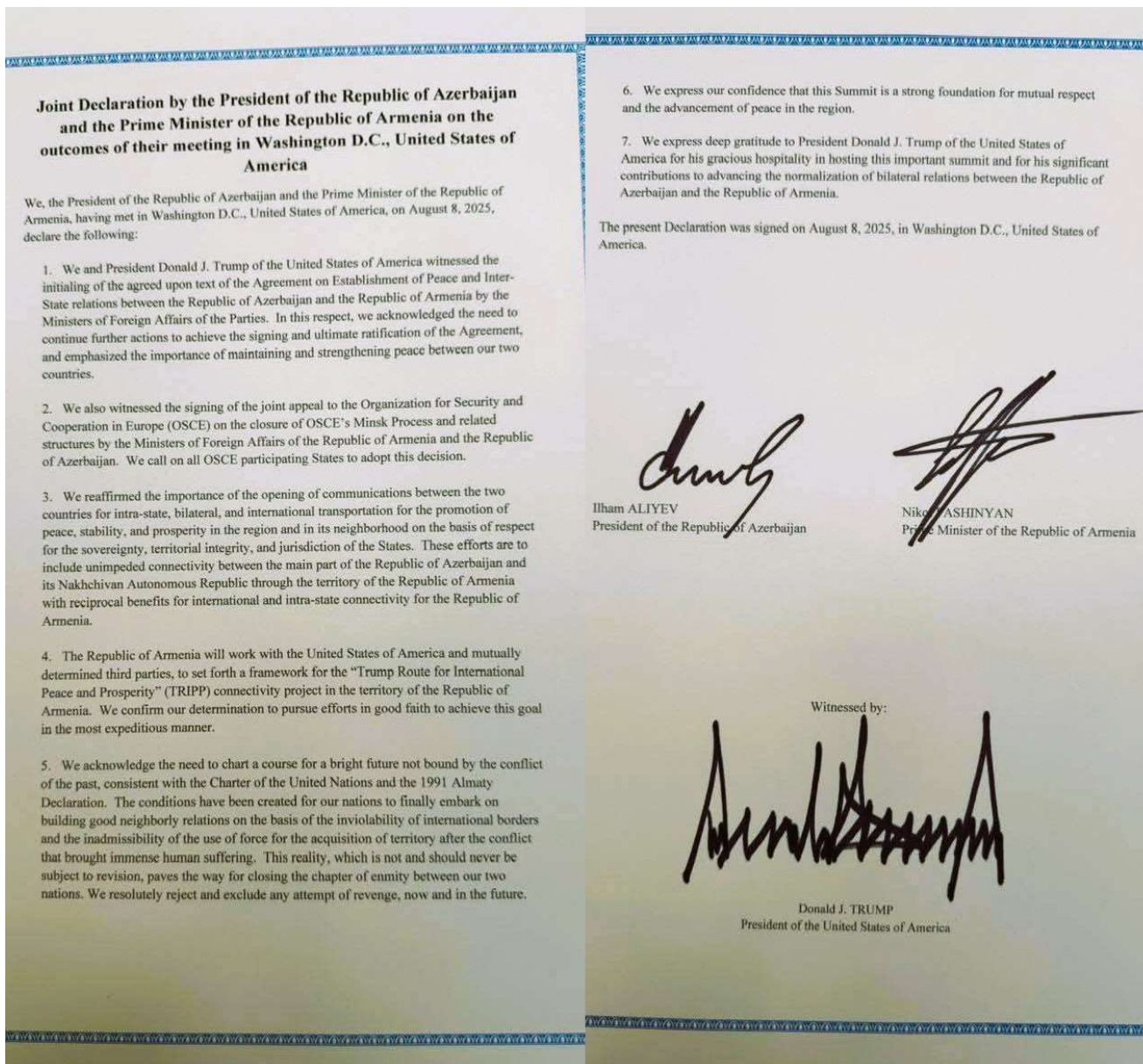
Armenia-Azerbaijan Bilateral Peace Treaty

- *Negative* elements
 - Punitive peace
 - Flawed premise & dangerous precedents
 - The “day after” & no international guarantee or guarantor
 - Does little to address roots of conflict

Armenia-Azerbaijan Bilateral Peace Treaty

- *Positive* elements
 - Renounces territorial claims & recognizes current borders
 - Commits to no use of force or threat of use of force
 - Combats intolerance & extremism
 - Calls for diplomatic recognition

Trump Route for International Peace & Prosperity (TRIPP)



The Trump TRIPP Route



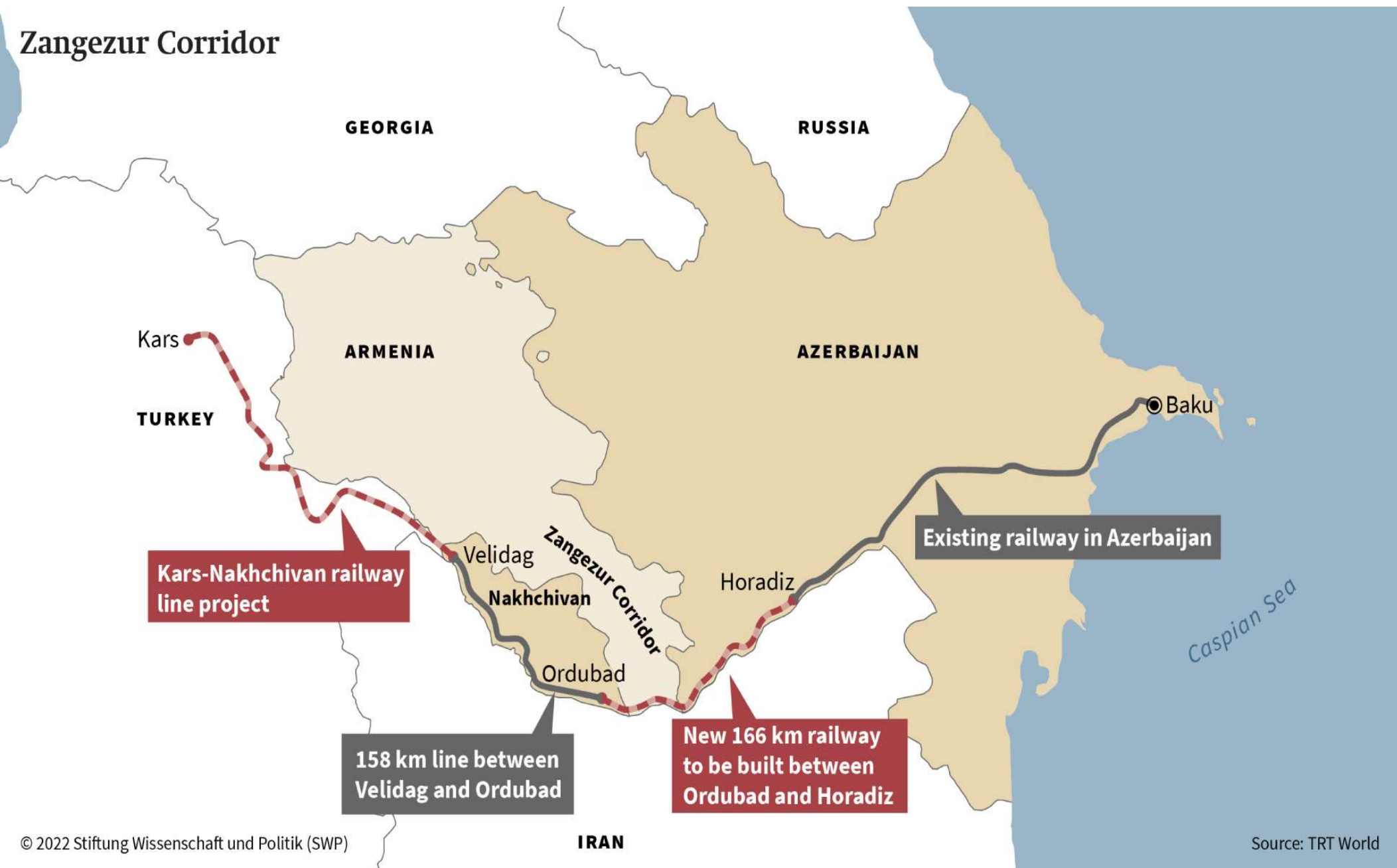
Regional Repercussions



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- Russian reaction uncharacteristically passive
- Iran's sole "red line" respected
- Georgia as "loser state"
- Positive outlook for Armenia-Türkiye "Normalization"
- European engagement will be key
- (not American)

Armenia-Türkiye “Normalization”



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- Establishing diplomatic relations
- Re-opening the closed border

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- 20 June Istanbul

Armenia-Türkiye “Normalization”

- Renewed Turkish interest: regaining regional role
- Looking beyond “Zangezur” with focus on border connectivity
- Türkiye waiting for political cover from Armenia-Azerbaijan progress
- Tension between Ankara & Baku

Domestic Implications

- Opposition further discredited by lack of alternative strategy
- Agreements as deliverables, closer to peace than conflict
- TRIPP connectivity to overcome isolation
- Countering Russia
- Statesmanship



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