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## US SEEKS TO STRENGTHEN ENERGY SECURITY WITH KAZAKHSTAN

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ASTANA □ Washington, wants to strengthen energy security in the region, US Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Bureau of Energy Resources Mary Warlick said in Astana on October 27.

The US Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs was just here on Tuesday (October 25) discussing our broad and deep relationship with Kazakhstan. As the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Affairs, I am here to strengthen our already close cooperation on energy security and to participate in the Board Meeting of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, Warlick said.

Almost exactly one year ago, in his remarks at Nazarbayev University here in Astana, Secretary of State (John) Kerry noted US support for Kazakhstan joining the World Trade Organization and lauded our broad cooperation on energy issues in the twenty-first century. While declining oil prices have slowed the global economy, it is evident that Kazakhstan is poised to successfully adapt to the changing oil market picture with expanding projects at the Tengiz and Kashagan oil fields. American companies have for many years seen Kazakhstan as an important place to invest, and the United States remains one of the top sources of foreign investment in Kazakhstan, Warlick said.

She said the US is pleased that Kazakhstan signed the Paris Climate Agreement and look forward to its ratification by the end of the year.

With respect to transparency in the energy sector, I would like to congratulate Kazakhstan for being one of the first countries to implement the EITIs revenue payment transparency procedures, Warlick said.

The United States very much welcomes Kazakhstan's commitment to energy security and global energy transformation, and we stand ready to work with partners in and out of government who will join us in these efforts, she said.

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