

BAKU 2017 ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY GAMES
CLOSING CEREMONY SPEECH

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Distinguished members of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation,

Your Excellencies,
Athletes of the Islamic world,
Ladies and gentlemen,

This evening's Closing Ceremony marks the end of a wonderful festival of sport and friendship here in Azerbaijan's capital. Baku has provided the perfect setting for the athletes of our nations to shine, and for people from four continents to celebrate our shared bonds in a spirit of unity and understanding.

These memorable Islamic Solidarity Games were made possible by our gracious hosts, under the leadership of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Ilham Aliyev, and through the commitment of First Vice President of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Chair of the Baku 2017 Organising Committee, Mehriban Aliyeva and all her team at AISGOC.

On behalf of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation, I would like to thank the athletes for their participation, the volunteers for their contribution, and the people of Baku and Azerbaijan for their dedication and countless acts of generosity throughout.

I look forward to us all joining together again in four year's time to celebrate the Games of Istanbul 2021.

Thank you Baku! Thank you Azerbaijan!