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ISLAMABAD, FEBRUARY 19, 2018: President Mamnoon Hussain has said that there is an enormous potential for growth in economic cooperation and bilateral trade between Pakistan and Azerbaijan. Both countries should work together to benefit from these opportunities, he added.

The President said this while talking to Finance Minister of Azerbaijan Samir Sharifov who along-with a delegation called on him at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad on Monday. On the occasion, Finance Minister of Azerbaijan also delivered a special message of the President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev to President Mamnoon Hussain.

President Mamnoon Hussain emphasized that there should be frequent exchange of trade and business delegations between the two countries in order to enhance the bilateral trade. He also underlined that joint ventures should also be started in various fields.

The President stated that the two countries have common position on key global and regional issues and they support each other in the international forum which is a reflection of close and brotherly relations between the both countries. He said that Pakistan supports the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan within its internationally recognized borders and particularly supports Azerbaijan on the issue of Nagorno-Karabakh. He also appreciated Azerbaijan's stance on the issue of Jammu and Kashmir.

Finance Minister for Azerbaijan said that Azerbaijan supports Pakistan's stance on the issue of Kashmir and believes that this issue can be resolved according to the resolutions of United Nations Security Council. He also stated that Azerbaijan is desirous of further enhancing cooperation with Pakistan in various economic sectors.
