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<td>Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank</td>
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<td>BCM</td>
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<td>British Petroleum</td>
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<td>BSTDB</td>
<td>Black Sea Trade and Development Bank</td>
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<td>BTC</td>
<td>Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan-Pipeline</td>
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<td>TACIS</td>
<td>Technical Aid to the Commonwealth of Independent States</td>
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