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PREVENTIVE ANTI-CORRUPTION POLICIES AND PRACTICES

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Preventive measures have been an integral part and best placed in the frontline of all policy and strategies aimed at curbing corruption in Azerbaijan. Both the Anticorruption ACT 2005 and State Program on Combating Corruption, with its Action plan for years 2004-2006, include special chapters/measures on prevention of corruption. These two major documents set the initial framework and triggered the new wave of preventive reforms within the framework of fight against corruption in the country.

As stated above, in order to implement or maintain effective, coordinated anti-corruption policy that promotes the participation of society and reflects the principles of the rule of law, proper management of public affairs and public property, integrity, transparency and accountability, Azerbaijan has developed and carried out two national strategies in years 2004-2011. State Program for Combating Corruption and its Action Plan for years 2004-2006 was approved by the Presidential Decree of the President of Republic Azerbaijan on September 3, 2004. The results of evaluation of implementation of State Program on Combating Corruption indicate that as early as in year 2006, major prevention-related requirements of UNCAC were either initiated or in the process of active implementation. In 2007, the Government adopted another major reforms document, the National Strategy on Increasing Transparency and Combating Corruption, which inter alia aimed to boost reforms and harmonize the existing anti-corruption mechanisms with the international requirements, mainly UNCAC. With prevention defined as its core stone (principle), the Strategy molded mainly through the measures of preventive character. These measures cover almost all areas mentioned in Chapter II of UNCAC.

Anticorruption ACT 2005 stipulates that all state bodies and officials shall, within their competence, carry out the fight against corruption. Although indirectly, but it makes all state bodies responsible for implementation of preventive measures. Separate body within the meaning of Article 6 of the UNCAC, Commission for Combating Corruption, was established in the year of 2005.