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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and, in response to the latter's Note verbal Ref. CU 2007/92 dated from 25 June 2007 on the Resolution 1/8 of the Conference of the States Parties to the UN Convention against Corruption, entitled "Best practices in the fight against corruption", has the honour to convey the relevant information submitted by the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan on actions and efforts done in the field of the fight against corruption on a national level.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the International Organisations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, December 6, 2007

Enclosure: 73 pages

1. State Program on Fighting Corruption;
2. National Strategy on Increasing Transparency and Anti-Corruption;
3. Action Plan for the Implementation of the National Strategy;
4. Measures on State Program
5. Proposals of the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan implementation of the Resolution 1/8.



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Vienna*

PROPOSALS

on preparation of collection "Best practices in fight against Corruption" and setting priorities in accordance with Resolution 1/8 of 14 December 2006 of Conference of Member States of the UN Convention against Corruption

The Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan is pursuing a policy against corruption intensifying its activity year after year in ensuring human and civil rights and freedoms found their reflection in the Constitution of the country, in improving the well-being of state, nation and each citizen, raising the decent standard of living and social protection.

The Government is implementing multi-faceted, serial, staged, long and short-term measures in fight against corruption within the ~~framework of socio-economic reforms and democratic state building~~ taking into account the danger of corruption to the rule of law, democratic institutions and human rights, its making state management inefficient, violating principles of equality and social justice, creating impediments to development, creating conditions for unfair competition and the development of shadow economy, making the environment unfavorable for investing capital, bringing about the inefficient use of budget and credit allocation.

The adoption of the following priorities is considered expedient in defining the best practices according the knowledge and experiences gained and the works done in this filed in the country:

1. Ensuring human and civil rights and freedoms;
2. Systematic fight against corruption;
3. Conforming the legislation to international principles in this filed;
4. Establishing specialized anti-corruption bodies and ensuring their activity.

Measures implemented in fight against corruption, commitments and powers of related governmental bodies in Azerbaijan are implemented basing on respect for the rule of law, human and civil rights and freedoms and the principle of ensuring them.

The Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan reflected its political will in two state programs in fight against corruption and taking efficient measures on implementation of those programs demonstrated its power to fulfill this will. Those programs are the following:

1. State program on fight against Corruption (2004-2006) and
2. Increasing transparency and National Strategy on fight against Corruption (2007-2011)

bodies, creation of effective control mechanisms, organizing the activity of law enforcement and judicial bodies in accordance with modern requirements were defined as major measures. Increasing transparency, removing the cases creating conditions for corruption and implementation of preventive measures were affirmed as key principles in fight against corruption. Measures in economic and social fields, raising the standard of living, improving the social well being, as well as ensuring fair competition, improving the investment environment, strengthening financial control were indicated as necessary terms of long-term fight in this field. Public awareness for increasing the efficiency in fight against corruption and measures of cooperation were intended with non-governmental and international organizations.

The term of execution of State Program on fight against Corruption expired in December, 2006. Significant laws were adopted, specialized anti-corruption bodies began to operate, reforms were implemented, and profitable cooperation was established with members of civil society within this period. The Republic of Azerbaijan acceded to all international documents related to fight against corruption. Considerable achievements were gained in raising the standard of living, increasing wage and improving social well being in economic and social field. The economy continued to develop fast, Azerbaijan became a leading state according to growth in gross domestic product in the world in 2005-2006 years. State budget grew as a result of strengthening financial discipline and economic reforms implemented.

Increasing transparency and National Strategy on fight against Corruption (2007-2011) set measures to improve the legislation in fight against corruption, to involve the civil society in closer cooperation, to increase anti-corruption culture, to organize the activity of governmental bodies, as well as law enforcement and judicial bodies in conformity with modern requirements, to remove the factors laying obstacles to the development in economic and social field.

National strategy affirms increasing transparency in the activity of governmental bodies as a main term in fight against corruption.

National Strategy sets measures for decision making mechanisms and rules, civil service recruitment, revenues and expenses of state budget, financing political parties, state purchases, privatization, and the activity of institutions of state and local government and for increasing transparency in other fields.

Enjoyment of freedom of information is defined as one of the terms to ensure transparency in the activity of institutions of state and local government.

Measures implemented within the framework of various programs in the Republic of Azerbaijan is considered helpful in preparation of collection "Best practices in fight against corruption" in compliance with Resolution 1/8 of 14

December 2006 of Conference of member states of the UN Convention against
Corruption.

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