

# NATIONAL STRATEGY OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN FOR INCREASING TRANSPARENCY AND COMBATING CORRUPTION

## International Conference

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**Baku, Azerbaijan**

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<b>First Day--Monday, 30 April 2007</b>	
09:00-09:30	Registration of Participants
<b>Opening Remarks</b>	
	<i>Welcome: Mr Kevin Feldis, U.S./DOJ Resident Legal Advisor, US Embassy Azerbaijan</i>
09:30-10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Member, Commission on Combating Corruption (<b>TBC</b>)</li> <li>▪ Mr Sayyad Karimov, Chairman, Legislative Working Group of the State Anti-Corruption Commission</li> <li>▪ Mr Alimammad Nuriyev, Coordinator, NGO Anti-Corruption Network</li> <li>▪ Mr Scott Taylor, Country Coordinator, United States Agency for International Development (USAID)</li> </ul>
10:00-10:15	Coffee Break/Press Break
<b>Introducing the National Strategy for Increasing Transparency and Combating Corruption in Azerbaijan</b>	
	<i>Moderator/Chair: Mr Kevin Feldis</i>
10:15-11:00	<p><b>Presentation of the Draft National Strategy 2007-2010</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr Sayyad Karimov, Chairman, Legislative Working Group of the State Anti-Corruption Commission</li> <li>▪ Mr Keith Henderson, USAID Expert and Advisor to the Working Group</li> </ul>
	<i>Moderator/Chair: Mr Kevin Feldis</i>
11:00-12:30	<p><b>EXPERT PANEL: Comments and Observations on the draft National Strategy-- Implementation aspects and how to make it result oriented</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ General Principles: Mr Keith Henderson, USAID Expert (USA)</li> <li>▪ Public Administration and Civil Service: Mr Quentin Reed CoE Expert (UK)</li> <li>▪ Elaboration and its coordination of implementation in Azeri system: Mr Bostijan Penko, CoE Expert (Slovenia)</li> <li>▪ Law Enforcement and Judiciary: Mr Peter Ainsworth US/DOJ Expert, (USA)</li> </ul>
11:15-11:30	Coffee Break
12:30-13:00	<b>Questions and Answers</b>
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break
<b>Transparency and Good Governance in the fight against corruption under the new National Strategy</b>	
	<i>Moderator/Chair: Mr Sayyad Karimov</i>
14:00-16:00	<p><b>EXPERT PANEL: Transparency and Good Governance Initiatives under the new National Strategy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Access to Information in Guaranteeing Transparency in Public Administration and the Expectations from the National Strategy</i>, Ms Rena Safaraliyeva, Executive Director, Transparency Azerbaijan</li> <li>▪ <i>The Role of the National Strategy in Implementing Extractive Industries Transparency Initiatives in</i></li> </ul>

	<p>Azerbaijan, <b>TBC</b>, Azerbaijan State Oil Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Tools of Monitoring Implementation of Extractive Industries Transparency Initiatives</i>, Mr Gubad Bayramov, Chairman, Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) NGO Coalition, Azerbaijan</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and Answers</b></p>
16:00-16:15	Coffee Break
<b>Transparency in the Budget Revenue and Expenditure Process under the new National Strategy</b>	
16:15-17:15	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Moderator/Chair: Mr Sayyad Karimov</i></p> <p><b>EXPERT PANEL: Transparency in the Budget Revenue and Expenditure Process under the New National Strategy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Required Standards and Reforms that need to be taken to Promote Transparency in the Budget Revenue Process in the new National Strategy</i>: Mr. Khalig Rahmanov, Head of Legal Division, Ministry of Finance</li> <li>▪ <i>Required Standards and Reforms that need to be taken to Promote Transparency in the Budget Expenditure Process</i>: Mr. Sabit Bagirov, President, Center for Economic &amp; Political Research</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and Answers</b></p>
<b>National Strategy as an Instrument for observing and implementing standards set by international instruments and their monitoring mechanisms (UN and CoE)</b>	
17:15-18:30	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Moderator/Chair Mr Sayyad Karimov</i></p> <p><b>International Standard Setting and Monitoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Conforming Azerbaijan’s National Strategy to the United Nations Convention Against Corruption and Azerbaijan’s Proposed National Annual Anti-Corruption Report: Mr Keith Henderson, USAID Expert (US)</li> <li>▪ Azerbaijani’s adherence and observance in implementation of Council of Europe Criminal Law and Civil Law Conventions against Corruption-GRECO and MONEYVAL: <b>TBC</b> (Council of Europe)</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and Answers</b></p>
18:30-20:00	Reception at Europe Hotel

## Second Day--Tuesday, 1 May 2007

09:00-09:30	Registration of Participants
<b>Public Administration, Rule of Law and Civil Society's Role in the National Strategy</b>	
09:30-11:00	<i>Moderator/Chair: Ms Ardita Abdiu</i>
	<p><b>EXPERT PANEL: Anti-corruption Measures with relevance to Civil Service and Public Administration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Civil Service Measures in the National Strategy: Mr. Bahram Khalilov, Head of Civil Service Commission under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan</li> <li>▪ Conflicts of Interest, Financial Disclosures, Professional Ethics: Mr Quentin Reed, CoE Expert, (UK)</li> <li>▪ Internal Control Mechanisms, Developing Internal Audits and Administrative Controls: Mr Quentin Reed, CoE Expert, (UK)</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and Answers</b></p>
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break
11:15-12:30	<i>Moderator/Chair: Ms Ardita Abdiu</i>
	<p><b>EXPERT PANEL: Role of Law Enforcement Mechanisms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Investigation and Prosecution of Corruption Cases, Mr Peter Ainsworth, US/DOJ Expert (USA)</li> <li>▪ Strengthening Judicial Independence and Accountability, Mr Keith Henderson, USAID Expert, (USA)</li> <li>▪ Challenges on criminal proceedings against economic crime and high level corruption and the role of specialized prosecutorial services and agency cooperation in the fight against corruption: Mr Bostjan Penko, CoE Expert (Slovenia)</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and Answers</b></p>
12:30-13:00	<i>Moderator/Chair: Ms Ardita Abdiu</i>
	<p><b>EXPERT PANEL: The Role of Civil Society and Media</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Role of Civil Society and Media in Monitoring the implementation of the National Strategy: Mr Sahib Mammadov, NGO Anti-Corruption Network</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and Answers</b></p>
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break
<b>Break-out into Five Group Discussions</b>	
<b>Sartorial Review of the National Anti-corruption Strategy and Action Plan</b>	
14:00-15:45	<i>Moderator/Chair: National and International Experts will be assigned to each group</i>
	<p><b>Review and Commentary on Individual Sections of Action Plan of the National Strategy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Group 1: Preamble, General Principles: Moderator: Mr Sayyad Karimov and <b>TBC</b></li> <li>▪ Group 2: Public administration and Civil Service: Moderator: Mr Inam Karimov and <b>TBC</b></li> <li>▪ Group 3: Law enforcement bodies and Judiciary: Moderator: Mr Elnur Musayev and <b>TBC</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Group 4: Economic and Social Reforms: Moderator: Mr Alakbar Mammadov and <b>TBC</b></li> <li>▪ Group 5: Public awareness, cooperation with the civil society and Media: Moderator: Mr Sevgim Rahmanov and <b>TBC</b></li> </ul>
15:45-16:00	Coffee Break
<b>Reporting of Recommendations and Observations and Follow up procedures</b>	
16:00-17:45	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Moderator/Chair: Mr Sayyad Karimov</i></p> <p><b>Group Reporting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Each Working Group Moderator/Chair will present the recommendations and observations for improvement of the Draft National Strategy and Action Plan</li> <li>▪ Discussions and Issues with relevance to the Way Ahead – Follow up of recommendations and modus operandi</li> </ul>
17:45-18:00	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Moderator/Chair: Mr Sayyad Karimov</i></p> <p><b>Concluding Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr Denis Bribosia, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe in Azerbaijan</li> </ul>

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