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Dear comrades!

The 28th of June marks a very important day for Azerbaijan with the decision on reception of our country into the Council of Europe. A great number of former Soviet Union's Republics (including our neighbour in the Southern Caucasus – Georgia) have already been accepted in this Organisation. The democratic public of Azerbaijan, including the social-democratic party, is very interested in a positive decision from the question on reception of Azerbaijan into the Council of Europe.

Our republic has a great deal of problems, including: occupation of a part of territory, nearly one million refugees, recession in the economy, unemployment, corruption, non-competency of the administrative decisions, absence of democratic decisions with existing problems, and disrespect of the laws. These are all very sad circumstances, and ones in which we can not be proud of. However, in Azerbaijan there is democratic potential, there is an independent press, there are parties, and non-governmental organisations. All of these groups work diligently to help overcome the heavy totality in the heritage of the past.

Fellow comrades! The membership of Azerbaijan in the Council of Europe will expand opportunities for our country to experience democracy, to study the necessary skills to construction of a democratic society, and will improve opportunities for the integration of our state and public structures into the world of liberal values.

SDPA calls on the deputies from the left parties of the European Parliament to vote for reception of Azerbaijan in the Council of Europe.

Such a position would demonstrate the solidarity of the European socialist and social-democratic parties with the democrats of a young Azerbaijan Republic in the struggle for construction of a fair society, appropriate to ideals of the Socialist International.

With brotherly greetings,

Araz Alizadeh
Co-Chairman of the SDPA

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КОММУНИСТИЧЕСКОЙ ПАРТИИ АЗЕРБАЙДЖАНА

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To the President of the Group
Mr. Jaakko laakso

To Group of the Unified European Left members
Under the Parliamentary Assembly of the
Council of Europe

Dear comrades

We, one of the political forces operating in Azerbaijan, appeal to You on behalf of the Communist Party. We call expedient to state our position over broadening and deepening of cooperation between Azerbaijan and Council of Europe, Azerbaijan's consolidating integration to the European legal and political sphere and problems appearing on this way.

There are some problems, like occupation of the territories, refugees and economic ones in the Republic of Azerbaijan who newly entered his independence path. Along with this, political and legal reforms conducted for the last years and democratization processes, achievements in human rights protection are evident. A few days ago it was signed a presidential decree on measures to be taken against corruption. For the first time, a death penalty was rescinded in Azerbaijan and about 50 000 men were amnestied.

Democracy in Azerbaijan isn't monopolized by any political group. Despite ideological differences, all parties have been created normal conditions for their activity. Azeri public demonstrates its will and resoluteness in case of democratization, forming of political and ideological tolerance and gaining the leading world experience.
We hope that Azerbaijan's admission to the Council of Europe will give an impetus to democratization and European integration processes.

Azerbaijan Communist Party calls upon members of the Group of the Unified European Left under the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe to vote for Azerbaijan's admission to the Council of Europe!

Yours sincerely,

I Secretary of the Azerbaijan Communist Party
Central Committee **F. Hasanov**

Decree
of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan
On Strengthening the Combat Against Corruption

Democratic, legal and secular state building, development of economy based on the principles of market economy and different forms of property, as well as the free enterprise constitute the main orientation of the state policy in the Republic of Azerbaijan. Being the significant stage of the formation of the civil society and state building, the consistent reforms have been implemented during recent years. The positive achievements obtained recently played a great role in the increasing of economic potential, expedited the integration of country to the world economy and created solid guarantee for improvement of well-being of population.

Along with these achievements, the methods and forms of combating against obstacles to social and economical development during the transition period have been strengthened and widened. Undertakings for elimination of corruption and conditions leading to crime have been strengthened. A great attention has been always paid in the Republic of Azerbaijan to combating the negative factors that impact the development of society. With regards to that, relevant laws have been adopted and organisational arrangements have been undertaken.

The decrees of the President the Republic of Azerbaijan "On arrangements for strengthening the measures of combating against criminality and consolidation of the lawfulness and law and order" of 9 August 1994, "On regulating the state control over production, service, fiscal and credit activities and banning the groundless check ups" of 17 June 1996, "On improvement of the state control system and elimination of artificial barriers on the way of development of the enterprise" issued on 7 January 1999, and orders "On measures on combating the economical crimes in the Republic of Azerbaijan" of 27 January 1998 have stated the combating the criminality, including the corruption as one of the main orientation of the state policy and created grounds for its purposeful implementation .

In spite of the prevention of a number of severe law violation cases as a result of implementation of measures in this field, complete eradication of corruption, which is considered as social distress common to all mankind, still remains impossible. The fact that some officials, working in different state bodies and in different fields of economy, who implement regulatory and supervisory functions, use their official capabilities of obtaining material comforts and other advantages, misappropriate the state property and property that belongs to the citizens, as well as the facts of groundless intervention into the activities of private entrepreneurs and other cases of violation the law still takes place.

The illegal actions of the officials interfere with creation of an atmosphere of a healthy competition being one of the important principles of market economy, activity of businessmen and flow of foreign investment, complicate implementation of reforms.

The special concerns are caused by such negative facts as the shortcomings in the management of state financial assets and their expense, concealment of the incomes of the economic subjects, smuggling, evasion from taxes. That different persons become rich making use

of various illegal ways cause serious damage to a healthy moral atmosphere in the society with recent years.

Incompleteness of creation of the appropriate legal base of struggle with economic crime, admission of the facts of abuse, the negligence in activity of some employees of the law-enforcement agencies reduce efficiency of measures undertaken, create favourable conditions for actions of criminal elements. All the become the subject of concern of citizens, damage the fame of our country in the international community.

Taking into account the above mentioned and for the purposes of strengthening the struggle against economic crime, corruption, bribery and other facts of abuse by the position. Improvement of the legislation, and mechanism of the state control in this area, elimination of unhealthy administration arid ensuring the transparency in the public administration I decided:

I. To charge the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Administration of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan (A.Rasizadeh and R.Mehdiyev) with creation of working groups for preparation of the Law of the Azerbaijan Republic "On struggle with corruption" and appropriate State Program and submit to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan the drafts of the specified documents within six months.

2. This Decree enters into force on the date of its signing.

[signature]
Heydar Aliyev
President of the Azerbaijan Republic

City of Baku, 8 June, 2000

Order
of President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

On Approval of the Agreement Between the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the International Committee of the Red Cross 'On Implementation of the Powers Regarding Access to Detainees in Places of Deprivation of Liberty'

1. Agreement Between the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the International Committee of the Red Cross 'On Implementation of the Powers Regarding Access to Detainees in Places of Deprivation of Liberty' shall be approved.

2. Ministry of foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan shall inform the International Committee of the Red Cross about the approval of the Agreement mentioned in Paragraph 1 of this Order.

[signature]
Heydar Aliyev
President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

City of Baku, 9 June 2000
No.436

DECREE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN ON PARDONING OF SEVERAL PRISONERS CONVICTED

By extending the respect and highest consideration to human rights and freedoms enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan, by demonstrating once again our commitment to building a democratic state with the rule of law, by further promoting traditions of justice and humanism, by taking into consideration appeals from prisoners convicted and their relatives, by considering conditions when the crime was made and the degree of danger for the public, by considering personalities of prisoners convicted and the situation in their families, by considering the fact that they have covered certain part of their prison time, by desiring that prisoners convicted would behave better and integrate into society, on the basis of the Item 22 of the Article 109 of the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan I here by decree:

I. To pardon the following prisoners convicted from serving the remaining part of their prison time:

1. Abbasov Rovnat Zakir oglu, was born in 1974, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on July 20, 1995.

2. Abbasov Shamshir Aslan oglu, was born in 1972, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on Mart 18, 1997.

3. Abdullayev Vagif Tahir oglu, was born in 1961, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Navy Military Court on May 4, 1999.

4. Abishov Ilham Naib oglu, was born in 1959, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Court of the Sabirabad province on November 11, 1999.

5. Agamirov Elshad Nazim oglu, was born in 1973, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on Jily 20, 1995.

6. Artiukh Vasiliy Pavlovich, was born in 1959 citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on July 23, 1995.

7. Aslanov Afig Tofig oglu, was born in 1969, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on July 20, 1995.

8. Babayev Talman Mammadjafar oglu, was born in 1944, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on December 8, 1995.

9. Bayramov Tofig Saleh oglu, was born in 1963, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Court of Narimanov district of Baku city on February 9, 1999.

10. Bayramov Vugar Mukhtar oglu, was born in 1970, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on August 22, 1996.

11. Bodurov Anar Maarif oglu, was born in 1973, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on January 26, 1996.

12. Jafarov Araz Vilayat oglu, was born in 1971, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the People's Court of Babek province of the Nahchivan Autonomous Republic on December 27, 1996.

13. Eynalov Fariz Eldar oglu, was born in 1974, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on May 26, 1995.

14. Akhmadov Alladdin Djamaladdin oglu, was born in 1963, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on July 20, 1995.

15. Akhmadov Shahin Djamil oglu, was born in 1973, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on June 16, 1995.

16. Akhmadov Vagiv Nariman oglu, was born in 1967, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on June 7, 1996.

17. Akbarov Kamran Gurban oglu, was born in 1971, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on December 15, 1995.

18. Aliyev Rovshan Shaban oglu, was born in 1962, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Court of Narimanov dictrict of Baku city on February 16, 1999.

19. Arabov Madjid Vasil oglu, was born in 1971, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on May 21, 1996.

20. Azimov Ilham Sadig oglu, was born in 1966, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on January 29, 1997.

21. Azizov Rizvan Sasha oglu, was born in 1972, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on Mart 24, 1996.

22. Gulumganov Ali Khasi oglu, was born in 1959, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on January 26, 1996.

23. Hassanov Asaf Ahad oglu, was born in 1966, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on January 26, 1996.

24. Hassanov Hassan Musabala oglu, was born in 1970, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Military Tribunal of Agdam Garrison December 26, 1995.

25. Hassanov Lankaran Godjakishi oglu, was born in 1960, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on October 20, 1995.

26. Hassanov Mushfig Nusrat oglu, was born in 1969, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on May 26, 1995.

27. Hassanov Mushvug Mikhayil oglu, was born in 1972, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on May 26, 1995.

28. Hummatov Alifarman Alakbar oglu, was born in 1967, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on January 29, 1997.

29. Hummatov Nariman Alakbar oglu, was born in 1961, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on January 29, 1997.

30. Husseynov Elkhan Arif oglu, was born in 1958, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Court of Lankaran province on December 6, 1999.

31. Husseynov Panah Sabir oglu, was born in 1968, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on May 25, 1998.

32. Husseynov Rafail Akbar oglu, was born in 1946, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on June 1, 1998.

33. Husseynov Tahir Mahammad oglu, was born in 1958, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on December 19, 1995.

34. Ibrahimov Famil Kamil oglu, was born in 1965, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on May 6, 1996.

35. Imanov Isfahan Musa oglu, was born in 1960, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on January 26, 1996.

36. Isgandarov Seid Giyas oglu, was born in 1967, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on April 1, 1996.

37. Ismayilov Ilgar Telman oglu, was born in 1969, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on Mart 29, 1996.

38. Ismayilov Yashar Kochari oglu, was born in 1971, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on January 26, 1996.

39. Gafarov Ali Amanshah oglu, was born in 1969, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on Mart 19, 1996.

40. Garachayev Niyaz Mahammad oglu, was born in 1963, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on January 26, 1996.

41. Garayev Hamza Samad oglu, was born in 1966, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the People's Court of Binagadi district of Baku city on September 18, 1995.

42. Garayev Sakhavat Bagi oglu, was born in 1969, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on May 26, 1995.

43. Godjayev Uzeyir Godja oglu, was born in 1975, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on January 26, 1996.

44. Guliyev Mirzalatif Arif oglu, was born in 1970, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on February 29, 1996.

45. Gurbanov Fakhraddin Agalar oglu, was born in 1950, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on May 4, 1995.

46. Gushchuyev Ramazan Vali oglu, was born in 1958, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on May 21, 1996.

47. Mahmudov Haji Maharram oglu, was born in 1956, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on January 26, 1996.

48. Mahmudov Saleh Valeh oglu, was born in 1965, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on January 26, 1996.

49. Mahammadov Ismail Khalil oglu, was born in 1963, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on January 26, 1996.

50. Mammadov Abdulla Elman oglu, was born in 1969, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on May 21, 1996.

51. Mammadov Adalat Murad oglu, was born in 1965, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Court of Sabunchu district Baku city on February 17, 1999.

52. Mammadov Mammadjan Ali oglu, was born in 1958, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on May 26, 1995.

53. Mammadov Rafael Teymur oglu, was born in 1964, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on May 6, 1996.

54. Mukhtarov Galandar Shamil oglu, was born in 1965, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on February 17, 1999.

55. Musayev Hafiz Abbasali oglu, was born in 1967, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on Mart 29, 1996.

56. Musayev Natig Volodya oglu, was born in 1972, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on February 29, 1996.

57. Mustafayev Ramin Farman oglu, was born in 1977, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on Mart 29, 1996.

58. Nagiyev Elshan Zamaddin oglu, was born in 1969, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on May 26, 1995.

59. Namazov Asaf Isfahan oglu, was born in 1970, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on April 23, 1996.

60. Nadjafov Famil Safar oglu, was born in 1968, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Nahichivan Autonomous Republic on January 22, 1996.

61. Nasibov Ilgar Nasib oglu, was born in 1962, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on January 26, 1996.

62. Nasibov Mahmud Nasib oglu, was born in 1963, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on January 26, 1996.

63. Nasirov Ali Gurban oglu, was born in 1955, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on December 15, 1995.

64. Nazarli Husseynali Ismail oglu, was born in 1962, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on January 26, 1996.

65. Nazarov Mammadali Mammadali oglu, was born in 1962, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on January 26, 1996.

66. Novruzov Khagani hassan oglu, was born in 1973, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on June 16, 1995.

67. Novruzov Teymur Mammadali oglu, was born in 1973, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on January 26, 1996.

68. Novruzov Tahmasib Yusasif oglu, was born in 1956, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Military Tribunal of Baku on June 2, 1998.

69. Orudjov ramil Tofig oglu, was born in 1977, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on April 17, 1996.

70. Osmanov Zakir Aranchi oglu, was born in 1965, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on January 26, 1996.

71. Panakhov Vagif Bayram oglu, was born in 1941, citizen of zerbaijan, was convicted by the Court of Absheron district on May 12, 1999.

72. Radjabov Radjab Yisif oglu, was born in 1968, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on February 12, 1996.

73. Rasulov Shehruyya Aliastan oglu, was born in 1953, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on May 26, 1995.

74. Rustamov Nariman Gurban oglu, was born in 1966, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on Mart 18, 1997.

75. Rzayev Barat Nasib oglu, was born in 1972, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on January 26, 1996.

76. Rzayev Fakhraddin Mammadrza oglu, was born in 1961, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on January 29, 1997.

77. Sadigi Eldar Kamal oglu, was born in 1967, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on February 29, 1996.

78. Sariyev Osman Mulkadar oglu, was born in 1963, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on January 26, 1996.

79. Seyidov Mirgasim Miryasin oglu, was born in 1953, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the People's Court of Surakhany district of Baku city on September 5, 1995.

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80. Suleymanov Ramiz Suleyman oglu, was born in 1965, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on January 26, 1996.

81. Suleymanov Saleh Ibrakhim oglu, was born in 1964, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on Mart 29, 1996.

82. Shushanov Shamil Tofig oglu, was born in 1961, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on January 26, 1996.

83. Tagiyev Elgun Samandar oglu, was born in 1973, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on January 26, 1996.

84. Valiyev Asif Jahanbash oglu, was born in 1970, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on January 26, 1996.

85. Valiyev Zakir Yolchu oglu, was born in 1973, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on January 26, 1996.

86. Yunisov Husseyn Yagub oglu, was born in 1966, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan on Mart 29, 1996.

87. Zeynalov Teyyub Aziz oglu, was born in 1957, citizen of Azerbaijan, was convicted by the People's Court of Sadarak province of the Nahchivan Autonomous Republic on July 13, 1996.

II. This decree is effective from the day of signing.

Heydar Aliyev
President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Baku, 25 June 2000

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PRESS RELEASE

AMENDED LAW ON THE CENTRAL ELECTION COMMISSION OF AZERBAIJAN IS IN LINE WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

Warsaw, 9 June 2000 - The amended Law on the Central Election Commission adopted by the Parliament of Azerbaijan on 9 June improves significantly the previous legislation. As a consequence, the main political interests will have the opportunity to play a full and comprehensive role in the administration of the election process.

A number of recommendations made by OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR), in particular in relation to the composition of the Central Election Commission and its decision-making procedures, were incorporated.

The OSCE/ODIHR calls upon all political interests in Azerbaijan to implement in good faith the amended law, so as to allow for an effective and transparent election process. In particular, the OSCE/ODIHR encourages all political forces to seize the opportunity created by the law and take up their new responsibility.

The OSCE/ODIHR will monitor the work of the Central Election Commission and remains ready to provide support for its efficient functioning. The OSCE/ODIHR will also further assist the authorities of Azerbaijan with improvements to the new law on parliamentary elections to ensure it meets international standards. The OSCE/ODIHR has already provided proposals for such improvements.

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PRESS RELEASE

OSCE Chairperson-in-Office welcomes signing of Memorandum of Understanding with the Republic of Azerbaijan

Vienna, 20 June 2000 – The OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Austrian Foreign Minister Benita Ferrero-Waldner, welcomes the signing yesterday of a Memorandum of Understanding between the OSCE and the Republic of Azerbaijan concerning the activites of the OSCE Office in Baku. A technical assessment team from the OSCE Secretariat has today arrived in Baku in order to establish an OSCE Office in the Azeri capital. The Office is expected to be formally opened in July. It will consist of six international personnel who will be seconded for their positions by OSCE participating States.

The decision to establish an OSCE Office in Baku was taken by the OSCE Permanent Council on 16 November 1999. The principal task of the Office is to promote the implementation of OSCE principles and commitments as well as the co-operation between the OSCE and the Republic of Azerbaijan in all the OSCE dimensions, including human, political, economic and environmental aspects of security and stability. The mandate of the Office will be valid for twelve months and renewed for one year at a time upon mutual agreement between the OSCE and the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The Chairperson-in-Office also welcomes the recent approval by the Azeri Parliament of amendments to the Law on Central Election Commission. In this context, Minister Ferrero-Waldner points out that the new Law gives the main political players a comprehensive role in the Central Election Commission. The OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) has offered to monitor closely the work of the Commission. ODIHR also stands ready to provide assistance and facilitation as necessary in the run-up to parliamentary elections in November, in particular with improvements to the new Law on Parliamentary Elections to ensure its compliance with international standards.

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