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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations Office and other international organizations at Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and with reference to the latter's Note Verbale dated 22 November 2013, has the honor to transmit herewith the relevant information for the preparation of technical guidance in accordance with the Human Rights Council resolution 24/11 on preventable mortality and morbidity of children under 5 years of age as a human rights concern.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations Office and other international organizations at Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

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## ***1. National policy, strategy, action plan aimed at reducing mortality and morbidity of children under 5***

- “Action Plan on protection of maternal health and health of children” (2006-2010) was adopted in 2006.
- State Program on poverty reduction and sustainable development (2008-2015) envisages reduction of mortality of children under 5.
- Action Plan on protection of maternal health and health of children (2013-2020) was adopted in 2013.
- In the framework the of National Enhanced Immunization Program National Vaccination Calender envisages inoculation of children at 2,3,4,12,18 month and at the age of 6 beginning 12 hours from birth. National Vaccination Calender also considers inoculation of children at 12 and 18 month with vitamin A.
- Preventable Vaccination Program including pneumococcus vaccine was amended by the Order of Ministry of Health dated October 30, 2013. Inoculation of children against pneumococcus has begun since December 1, 2013.
- National Strategy on Reproductive Health for 2008-2015 was elaborated on the basis of the Action Plan on protection of maternal health and health of children.
- Concept on reforms of perinatal services in the regions for 2010-2014 was drafted and approved by the Ministry of Health.
- Law on Compulsary Medical Examination of Children was adopted in March 2013. In the framework of this Law State Program on Compulsary Medical Examination of Children was approved by the Presidential Order dated December 10, 2013.

## ***2. Collect data on the health status of children under 5, including information on vulnerable and disadvantaged groups***

Action Plan on State Program on Poverty Reduction and Sustainable Development for 2008-2015 enshrines conducting Demography and Health Survey (DHS) in every 5 years. In 2011 Ministry of Health carried out DHS. The main goal of the

DHS-2011 was collecting information necessary for analyzing and estimating demographic and health status of population paying special attention to health of children under 5. As a result of survey data on following issues were collected: infant and child mortality, inoculation of children, nutrition of children, as well as breast-feeding, nutrition status of children, anaemia among children, etc.

***5. Incorporation of human rights in planning and implementing universal coverage of primary health services of children***

- Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan stipulates that everyone has the right for protection of one's health and for medical care.
- Law on Protection of the population health regulates relations between citizens and state agencies, as well as state and non-state healthcare institutions.
- Law on Rights of the children of the Republic of Azerbaijan defines rights of the children, main principles of state policy on children, duties of state agencies, legal and physical persons in relation to the protection of children.
- Law on Compulsary medical examination of children enshrines improvement of capacity and quality standards of medical service for children.
- Clinic Protocol on Children with limited health abilities was elaborated and approved by the Ministry of Health. At present it is used for primary healthcare services.
- Manual on revealing disabled children and children with limited health abilities was drafted according to the Action Plan of the Ministry of Health on implementation of the Presidential order on approval of the National Program for Action to raise effectiveness of the protection of human rights and freedoms in the Republic of Azerbaijan.
- In order to ensure implementation of the “Azerbaijan: Vision 2020” National Strategy National Action Plan on Early preventive measures and treatment of childhood disability was drafted.