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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 (*Reference Number: RRDD/DESIB/METS/MS/EI/PT, dated 10 February 2012*), has the honor to transmit herewith the information of the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the implementation of the UNHRC resolution A/HRC/RES/15/11, entitled "World Programme for Human Rights Education: adoption of the plan of action for the second phase".

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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## **Ministry of Defense Human Rights Training & Education**

Within the framework of Human Rights training & education, appropriate activities have been carried out in the Armed Forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan during 2011, and the Ministry of Defense continued its productive cooperation with the international organizations and national institutions in this field.

In order to enhance legal education activities in the Armed Forces, based on Defense Minister's order, weekly legal lessons have been conducted as well as the provisions of international humanitarian law of the armed conflicts have been taught in the military units, formations and special educational institutions.

With the purpose of legal enlightenment in the military units, formations and special educational institutions of the Armed Forces, legal propaganda stands were established and the books concerning different laws were procured and distributed in order to provide personnel's legal education.

Majority of the new adopted legal norms related to the generic human rights and freedom have been issued to the personnel and relevant authorities through the orders of the Minister of Defence. Different legal articles were published in the newspaper "Azərbaycan Ordusu" (Azerbaijan Armed Forces) and in the Magazine "Hərbi Bilik" (Military Knowledge) which are the publications of the Ministry of Defence.

In 2011, the Ombudsman of the Republic of Azerbaijan has declared the "Human Rights Month". In this context and based on provisions of the "National Action Plan on Human Rights Protection", different seminars such as, "Human Rights and Freedom", "Human Rights" and "International Humanitarian Law" were conducted by the Ministry of Defense in the special educational institutions. With participation of members from the military prosecution office and military tribunal, the military personnel were presented lectures concerning their rights and freedom within current legislation.

At the same time, within "Peace month", during social-political lessons, trainings were conducted on "Religious confessions and tolerance in Azerbaijan", and during mass educational and international humanitarian law hours, lectures were presented to personnel on topics such "Peace and human rights", "National human rights institutions (economical, social and cultural rights)". Also, interviews were conducted related to religious freedom of servicemen, avoidance of difference, peace and culture propaganda, and round table "Human rights" was held in special educational institutions. Along with that, articles were published on "Peace and human rights" in the newspaper "Azərbaycan Ordusu" (Azerbaijan Armed Forces) which is the publication of the Ministry of Defence.

## EDUCATION AND RAISING AWARENESS OF CIVIL SERVANTS IN HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD

Civil Service Commission under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan was established under the Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan No 180 dated of 19 January 2005. Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan No 247 dated of the 03 June 2005 approved Regulations of the Commission.

The Commission subordinates to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan and directly reports to the President.

Main aims of the Commission are organization of the standard legal acts enforcement adopted in the civil service area, selection and placement of the civil service HR on the competitive basis, professional development, attestation and social protection of the civil servants, as well as guaranty of the performance of the policy provided for by the legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan referring to other issues related to the civil service.

In order to implement these aims, the Commission participates in forming of the single state policy in the area of civil service and other HR issues and carries out this policy hereby, as well as drafts proposals on forecasting of the civil service HR staffing, implements relevant tasks of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Civil Service Management Board in this field. Moreover, the Commission prepares drafts of the standard legal acts required for the performance regulation of the civil service and HR area, coordinates performance of the state bodies in training, re-training and professional development of civil servants, analyzes actual state of affairs in this field and prepares proposals thereupon. In accordance with the Law On civil service, the Commission ensures competitive and transparent citizen recruitment to the civil service in the centralized order, maintains centralized database on civil servants administration, provides its efficient application and performs other responsibilities the Commission entrusted with by the legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Professional development of civil servants is also among main performance directions of the Commission. In accordance with the "Rules of type, form, duration and financial provision of additional education of civil servant" approved by Decision of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan No 44 as of 19 March 2009, need of civil servants serving in state bodies (central and local executive, judicial power bodies) for professional development courses and re-

training was learned; information about number of civil servants required further professional education and specialization and positions needed for professional education were collected from state bodies and summarized; based on this, a state order on further professional education of civil servants was prepared and submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The Commission delivers trainings on different topics such as human resource management, ethics conduct rules of civil servants, performance appraisal, e-government, etc. for civil servants of central executive power bodies, local executive power bodies and judicial bodies. Trainings are held both in Azerbaijan and abroad by involving local and foreign experts.

The Commission in the framework of CABIR (Capacity Building in International Relations) Program conducted a survey among the state bodies of the Republic of Azerbaijan. This survey was conducted in order to learn the needs of civil servants. There was training on the theme of Human Rights among the topics which was mostly chosen by the state bodies.

The Commission also regularly delivers trainings for civil servants on the labor legislation in order to raise their awareness on serving in civil service, their rights and duties.

## INFORMATION

### **on the works implemented in 2010-2011 regarding education and enlightenment in the field of human rights in the internal affairs authorities of Azerbaijan Republic**

Success of police in the field of protection of human rights depends on professional skills and knowledge of its staff. These staffs contact various strata of population from the first day of their service and act as protector of their rights and freedoms. Therefore, their success significantly depends on knowledge gained in the field of human rights by them.

For the purposes of legal reforms realized in the country, improvement of democracy, tasks of police in the field of ensuring human and citizens' rights and freedoms as well as ensuring perfect study of international acts in this field the subject titled "Human rights" consisting of 54 hours was included in the curriculum of Police Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and is being taught related to implementation of this important task. An affirmative reference of Ralph Croshaw, expert of the UNO, head of the human rights center of the University of Essex, England was obtained and published regarding the program of the subject. Base of lectures on the course of study, "Human rights (100 questions and answers)", "Do you know these about CPT (15 questions and answers for police)" and other textbooks of methodics were prepared and published by the pedagogical staff of the Police Academy for the purpose of methodical assistance to the students and listeners.

The teaching aid titled "Police and human rights" which meets the international and national standards, was prepared and published by the pedagogical staff of the Police Academy in accordance with the Program of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights titled "Expansion of infrastructures on ensuring human rights in Azerbaijan". Ivano Dufkova, Deputy Chief of the Police Academy of the Czech Republic and Vadim Buresh, head of the Human Rights Center of the Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic, who were involved as advisors by the UNO related to the application of the above-mentioned program rendered methodical assistance in preparation of this teaching aid. Additionally, Professor Ralph Croshaw, head of the Human Rights Center of the University of Essex, England, gave his recommendations to the "Police and human rights" teaching aid prepared by the working group of the Police Academy.

Room of "Human rights (Teaching modules)" which was equipped with modern technical and methodical aids, was established in the Police Academy in order to improve teaching quality of the subject of "Human rights" and bringing it in line with the international standards. Teaching modules on various topics were obtained from "KOLPI" - Constitution and legal policy Institute, operated in Budapest, for the purpose of methodological and didactic support of the subjects taught in this room.

A large book fund consisting of normative (intergovernmental and international), theoretical and empiric literature was established in the general library of the Academy and put in use of the students. Works are regularly continued in the direction of enriching this fund.

Trainings, workshops and conferences are regularly held by the experts of the international system for the protection of human rights, the UNO, European Council and OSCE in the Police Academy. Participation of different state authorities is provided in organizing these events.

"A Legal Clinic" was established in the Police Academy in order to ensure students' mastering practical skills through clinic studies and rendering free legal assistance to the disadvantaged stratum of the population. "Human rights department", "Department of Civil Cases", "Advice Department on Criminal Cases" and "Department of Protection of the Rights of Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons" are successfully operating under the Legal Clinic.

The American Bar Association (ABA CEELI) and Ombudsman's Administration are being cooperated in order to establish library of the "Legal Clinic" and ensure training of instructing specialists and students for this activity.

Further, a teaching aid titled "Human rights" was prepared by the employees of the department of "Theory of state and law" related to preparation and publication of teaching aids and literature regarding human rights, relevant consent was obtained from the Ministry of Education under the reference of the Attorney on Human Rights (Ombudsman) and was published. Meanwhile, "Human rights and police" memory book and "Teaching module" titled "Police and human rights" were published for holding trainings in the field of human rights within the framework of cooperation of Administration of the Attorney on Human Rights (Ombudsman) and the Police Academy. Presentation ceremony of the mentioned teaching aid was held in the Police Academy with participation of public and mass media.

Further, a team comprised by the students of the Police Academy successfully participated in the competition held among students of higher legal education establishments in Azerbaijan Republic on June 08, 2010 in the subject of "Human rights" by the initiative of Baku office of the American Bar Association and gained honorable II place.

Successive events (round table, paper competition, etc.) were held in the Police Academy of MIA related to implementation of provisions 10, 38 and 39 of the National Action Plan for the protection of human rights as well as the International Day of Peace within the framework of "Peace Month" held by the initiative of the Attorney on Human Rights of Azerbaijan Republic on August 21 - September 21, 2010.

A workshop was held together with the students of the Academy in the subject of "Organizing struggle against family violence" on May 21, 2011 with participation of members of the Board of Management of the Lawyers Confederation of Azerbaijan Republic.

Police Lieutenant Colonel Ilham Aliyev, instructor of the department of "Theory of state and law" of the Police Academy and students Ruslan Aliyev, Zaur Abdullayev and Yusif Yusifzade participated in "New horizon - 2011" international competition held in Minsk on June 8-9, 2011 in the subject of "Human rights" among higher educational establishments of law enforcement agencies of CIS by the initiative of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and gained honorable second place.

A round table was held on June 13, 2011 in the subject of "Cultural rights of national minorities and immigrants: legal aspects and implementation" with participation of instructor-professor staff and students of the Academy.

Open workshop was held on November 01, 2011 in the subject of "Role of internal affairs authorities and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in protection of rights of refugees and internally displaced persons of Azerbaijan Republic" by the Police Academy of MIA, Azerbaijan Republic, Azerbaijan Lawyers Confederation and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Ambassador Dag Sigurdson, head of Azerbaijan representation of the Office of the

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr. Rovshan Rzayev, member of the Board of Management of Azerbaijan Lawyers Confederation, Deputy Chief of the Legal Policy and State Building Committee of the National Parliament (Milli Majlis), members of the Board of Management of Azerbaijan Lawyers Confederation, officials of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and Azerbaijan Lawyers Confederation and representatives of instructor-professor staff and students of the Police Academy, MIA participated in the workshop.

Presentation ceremony of the "Comment to the Law of Azerbaijan Republic on prevention of domestic violence" was held on December 10, 2011. Jeyhun Garajayev, judge of the Constitutional Court, member of the Board of Management of Azerbaijan Lawyers Confederation and Nadir Adilov, Chief Secretary of Azerbaijan Lawyers Confederation participated in the event.

A training in the subject of "Involvement of women in police activity" was held on December 14, 2011 for the students of the Police Academy with participation of the OSCE Office in Baku and "Symmetry" Azerbaijan Gender Association.

Meanwhile, relevant events were planned and implemented regarding education and enlightenment in the field of human rights in the administration of MIA and city and region internal affairs authorities in 2010-2011.

According to the relevant Measures Plan of MIA dated on 03.02.2007 regarding implementation of the Decree of the President of Azerbaijan Republic on "Approval of the National Action Plan on Protection of Human Rights in Azerbaijan Republic" dated on 28.12.2006 teaching of the republican and international legal and normative acts regarding protection of human and citizens' rights and freedom was organized in service training lessons at police authorities in 2010-2011.

According to the instruction of MIA related to implementation of "Human rights month" in the republic on May 18 - June 18 re-teaching of topics on "the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948)", European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (1950)" and national legislative acts in this field (Constitution, Law on Police, orders) was organized in the service training lessons. Teaching of the subject of protection of human rights and freedoms was organized in the training courses held in special education establishments and base authorities of MIA, posters regarding legal bases of application and prohibition of fire arms for the purpose of protection of human rights were prepared and sent for being used in police authorities, round table was held in the Police Academy and School named after A. Heydarov on training of private and junior chief staff in the subject of "Family violence, trafficking in human beings, negligence of underage children, prevention of violation of law and combating crime", electronic version (disc) of methodical aids titled "Base of lectures on protection of human rights" was prepared and sent to the places for the purpose of expanding enlightenment of different strata of population and rendering methodical assistance to the lecturers and trainers of public security service in this field.

"Notion of violence, its types and establishment in the legislation", "Activity of police in cases of domestic violence", "Activity of police warrants in cases of intrafamily violence" and other related topics were included in the curricula of different courses in accordance with the Measures Plan of MIA dated on 10.03.2007 regarding the "Complex Program of the Republic on combating daily violence in a democratic society" approved under decree No. 17s of the Cabinet of Ministers, Azerbaijan Republic dated on 25.01.2007.

A competition regarding "Appreciation of knowledge in the field of human rights" was held among medium chief staff of the administration of MIA and Head Police Department of Baku city as well as the students of the Police Academy for the purpose of implementation of the Action Plan for 2010 of the Working Group of MIA on integration into Europe.

Study meetings were organized with inspectors of city-region police authorities, road patrol service of regular sections, chiefs of investigation departments (sections) and chief investigators, chiefs of temporary detention centers, commanders of post patrol service sections in 2010-2011 in the subject of "observance of rules in internal affairs authorities, ensuring human and citizens' rights and freedoms".

In addition to the above-mentioned works the following works were planned in the Police Academy of MIA for 2010-2014 in order to increase efficiency of enlightenment regarding protection of human rights and freedoms:

1. To establish "Human rights department" in the general library, improve normative, theoretical and empirical literature fund in the field of human rights;
2. To ensure study of "the Universal Declaration of Human Rights", "the United Nations Convention against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment", "European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms", "Body of principles for the protection of all persons under any form of detention or imprisonment", decisions of European court on human rights, as well as other topics regarding human and citizens' rights and freedoms and guide by them in activity;
3. To provide teaching "the Universal Declaration of Human Rights", "European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms", decisions of European court on human rights and other Declaration acts in the field of human rights in the faculty of "Organization of management and retraining at the internal affairs authorities".
4. To organize study of requirement of "the United Nations Convention against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment" and its Optional Protocol;
5. Preparation of teaching aid titled "Ensuring human rights in the activity of the internal affairs authorities";
6. Preparation of "100 questions and answers" teaching aid regarding human rights for police;
7. To hold successive events together with the Scientific Research Institute of Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences on Human Rights related to implementation of the "National Action Plan in the field of increasing efficiency of protection of human rights and freedoms in Azerbaijan Republic" approved under the Decree of the President of Azerbaijan Republic dated on December 27, 2011;
8. To hold round table dedicated to June 18 – the Day of Human Rights in Azerbaijan Republic;
9. To hold quiz regarding human rights dedicated to 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights among students;
10. To hold successive events together with the Administration of the Attorney on Human Rights of Azerbaijan Republic (Ombudsman) related to implementation of the "National Action Plan in the field of increasing efficiency of protection of



- human rights and freedoms in Azerbaijan Republic" approved under the Decree of the President of Azerbaijan Republic dated on December 27, 2011;
11. To hold scientific-practical conferences in the subject of "Protection of human rights and freedoms while applying procedural restriction measures";
  12. To hold scientific-practical conferences in the subject of "Ensuring human rights and freedoms in the activity of the internal affairs authorities";
  13. To hold scientific-practical conferences in the subject of "Urgent problems in protection of human rights and freedoms in the field of personal non-property rights".

## INFORMATION

### *On human rights education for state officials in the justice sector*

The Academy of Justice was founded within the structure of the Ministry of Justice by the decree of the President of the Azerbaijani Republic on Development of Justice bodies dated 17.08.2006, and its statute was adopted by the decree dated 21.11.2008.

Preparation and professional development of justice servants, admitted for the first time to justice and prosecution service, court office employees, advocates and candidates for advocacy, special notaries, as well as listeners from other categories in accordance with main purposes and duties of the Academy is conducted by the Academy of Justice. At the same time, for the first time in our country, institute of permit to professional activity was applied, in this purpose; admitted candidates to justice service, prosecutors and inspectors are subject to the compulsory trainings in academy.

Taking into account the influence of continuous professional and organized training of judges on the efficiency of justice by the decree of the president of the Azerbaijani Republic dated 01.10.2009 additional significant duties were put on the Academy in the sphere of continuous education of judges and long-term education of candidates for judges.

One of the main priorities determined in State program "On the development of Azerbaijani justice for 2009-2013" is an increase of professional level of judges, employees of justice bodies and court offices.

When composing programs of educational courses organized at the Academy, consultations are held with judges, fields and topics needed for their teaching are learnt and programs of various spheres are specially compiled in accordance with these needs. In order to maintain the protection of independence of judges, they choose program of continuous education course themselves in conformity with the calendar plan.

The program of the training course at the Academy has been prepared taking into account the modern methodology and international experience, topics on the most important international documents regulating the protection of human rights, including the United Nations and European conventions, the European Court of Human Rights case-law, as well as innovations in the national legislation were included to the program. Lectures of the leading international experts in this area are organized during the courses held in cooperation with Council of Europe, OSCE, UNICEF, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, the German Cooperation Society (GIZ) and other organizations.

For the purposes of learning and application of case law of European Court and European Convention of Human rights, a range of trainings are organized, decisions of the Court concerning Azerbaijan, and other decisions are widely spread among judges. Considering the efficiency of direct meetings with judges of European Court, a number of judges, as well as the chairman of the court Jean Paul Costa, spoke before Azerbaijani judges and efficient exchange of opinions was conducted.

Moreover, lectures on topics dedicated to the judiciary of lawyers from USA, Germany, France, Turkey, Portugal, Lithuania and other countries were delivered during courses and seminars, wide discussions were held, booklets and other

manuals were presented, staged court trainings were held with the participation of experienced international experts.

In general, to the Justice Academy's training course program for 2010-2011, as a rule, such topics as "the European Convention on Human Rights", "National Action Plan on the protection of human rights in the Republic of Azerbaijan" serves to protect human rights", "Activity of the European Court of Human Rights", "Activity of justice bodies in the field of protecting human and civil rights and freedoms", "The implementation of the European Convention on Human rights and Fundamental Freedoms into the legislation of Azerbaijan", "The institution of Ombudsman serves to reliably protect human and civil rights and liberties" were included into lecture programs and the teaching of those lectures had been carried out by the employees of the ministry and the Office of Ombudsman.

In training of the judges and the judge candidates, the employees of law enforcement bodies and the advocates wide attention is given to the documents and programs that are continuously being implemented in the field of protecting human rights and freedoms, which also include "The National Action Plan in the field of enhancing the protection of human rights and freedoms in the Republic of Azerbaijan" as well as the topics related to international Conventions.

For educational purposes the Ministry of Justice's printed publications and its website ([www.justice.gov.az](http://www.justice.gov.az)) as well as other means of media are widely used. Thus, in order to develop legal thinking and legal culture writings in relevant topics and articles aimed at a more reliable protection of rights and freedoms are constantly being published in the journal entitled "Qanunchuluq" ("Rule of Law"), and in the newspaper entitled "Edliyye" ("Justice").

By taking into consideration the dynamical development of the legislative activity, relevant measures are carried out in order to improve the legal awareness. In order to increase the people's legal knowledge and in order to help them be able to directly access the text of the law there is an interactive website ([www.e-qanun.az](http://www.e-qanun.az)) that was created by the ministry in 2006 which reflects the electronic database of the national legislation.

For purposes of protection of Human Rights, enhancing independence and productivity of justice the Republic of Azerbaijan is closely working with the European Council, including the European Program for lawyers' training on human rights (HELP), as well as the European Network (Lisbon Network) for information exchange between persons responsible for training of Judges and Prosecutors, and European Commission for enhancing productivity of justice (CEPEJ).

Together with international organizations on Human Rights, including UN High Commission on Human Rights, European Council, European Union and other specialized organizations and national institutions, relevant projects are being implemented in the direction of promoting the programs and increasing productivity.

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**the Resolution of the Human Rights Council of the United Nations No. HRC/15/11 entitled "Universal Program on Human Rights training: adoption of Action Plan for the second phase", including provision of ad hoc information over education and enlightenment activities for human rights public officers concerning the nationwide Action Plan in the country as envisaged for the "Second phase of Universal Program on Human Rights training" pervading the years of 2010-2014**

The Prosecutor General's Office of the Republic of Azerbaijan has considered the questionnaire via the enclosed letter of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan No. 4/33-146/02/12 dated 9 March 2010, concerning the Resolution of the Human Rights Council of the United Nations No. HRC/15/11 entitled "Universal Program on Human Rights training: adoption of Action Plan for the second phase", including provision of ad hoc information over education and enlightenment activities for human rights public officers concerning the nationwide Action Plan in the country as envisaged for the "Second phase of Universal Program on Human Rights training" pervading the years of 2010-2014 to submit a report to the UN Human Rights Council during its 21<sup>st</sup> session.

The questionnaire at issue requested the information to be submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the English language.

In reply to the application the Scientific-Educational Centre of the Prosecutor General's Office is vested with an availability to provide the required information over the education and enlightenment of the prosecution officers in the field of human rights covering the years of 2010-2014 including from 2010 to date thereof.

Accordingly, it is proposed to submit the following information to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

"A number of educational and enlightenment activities have been carried out by the Scientific-Educational Centre of the Prosecutor General's Office in the field of human rights and the rights of fundamental freedoms since 2010.

In connection of the educational work, on 17-22 June, 2010 a local-based qualification training was held headlined "Serving a warrant on the accused persons by the investigators and prosecutors carrying out procedural supervision of preliminary investigation and solution of the issue of extension of arrest of the imprisoned and criminal-procedural legislation vs. decisional law of the European Court on Human Rights".

The training was attended by investigators, prosecutors and deputy prosecutors of district and city prosecution offices and employees of appropriate sections, services and departments of

the Baku city Prosecution Office and the Prosecutor's General's Office. The training was also attended by the experts of the field at matter from the representative office of the Council of Europe accredited to Azerbaijan.

The training was dedicated to advocating the issues ranging from the application of national legislative instruments regarding the extension of arrest of the imprisoned and criminal-procedural legislation vs. decisional law of the European Court on Human Rights to protection of human rights, provision of protection of human rights among investigators and prosecutors carrying out supervision over the preliminary investigations. The training was finalized with the preparation of test examinations to follow-up the issues taught during the event in the field of national criminal procedural legislation and case law issues of the European Court. The examination was passed on the above conditions successfully.

2) The newly enrolled employees to the prosecution office undergo yearly special educational courses. The educational course of such for the year of 2010 was arranged from 20 September 2010 to 22 December 2010 among the newly enrolled 98 employees. The curriculum in line with the useful subjects for the future practical work of probationers is included European Convention, practical issues covering case law of the European Court and a number of practical trainings. The training was finalized with the preparation of test examinations to follow-up the issues taught during the event in the field of national criminal procedural legislation and case law issues of the European Court. The examination was passed on the above conditions successfully.

The preparation work is on the way to arrange educational courses towards April-May of 2012 for 108 probationers who were enrolled in the year of 2011. The educational-thematic curriculum has already been readied for the first stage covering the issues of UNO, European Convention and the case law of the European Court and a number of practical trainings.

3) From December 2010 to June 2011 all the prosecution officers underwent examination tests. Given the examination was covering human rights issues as envisaged in the international treaties, the prosecutors were examined whether they had mastered a great deal of issues in this field. Those experiencing need for the increase of the knowledge concerned were been involved in adequate trainings from 6<sup>th</sup> of June to 24<sup>th</sup> of 2011. The examination was passed on the above conditions successfully.

4) An officer of the Scientific-Educational Centre took part in the qualification training course dedicated to the issue of human rights within the framework of "HELP II Program" of the European Program on Human Rights Education arranged by the Directorate of Human Rights and Legal Issues of the Council of Europe from May 10 to 12 of the year of 2011 in the city of Vienna of Austria with the purpose to increase the knowledge in the field of human rights and rights of fundamental freedoms.

Regarding the enlightenment activities, during 2010 and 2011 the Scientific-Educational Centre provided expert groups qualified in the implementation of prosecutor activity-based obligations as set in the provisions of international treaties that the Republic of Azerbaijan is a party with appropriate literature and methodical assistance serving the increase in the qualifications. Both the Centre and the libraries of general departments of the Presidential Office of the Republic of Azerbaijan were equipped with appropriate literature enclosed with their lists with the purpose to send them to ad hoc expert groups and were placed in the sub-domain of the Centre. With the purpose of increasing qualifications of expert groups assistance was rendered following providing them with corresponding literature. The electronic versions of international

treaties that the Republic of Azerbaijan is the party to were located in the sub-domain of the Centre.

2) In September 2011, the structural bodies of the prosecution and other law-enforcement entities were provided with methodical literature published in 1000 copies of each entitled "Rules of classification of crimes", "Programming of enquiring during the criminal process" "Use of crime scene technology during the inspection of the crime committed" covering the issues of preventing human rights violation during the criminal prosecution, correct implementation of preliminary investigation, evading errors during investigation, disclosure of crimes, safeguarding the truth, making just and lawful decisions, jurisdiction during the criminal process, justice, presumption of innocence and other fair justice principles.

3) The magazine of "Azerbaijan Prokurorlughu" (Prosecution of Azerbaijan) is published by the Scientific-Educational Centre. The issues published in the magazine cover the fields of protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms in line with the necessary issues to be useful for the enlightenment of the prosecution officers. The magazine is not only accessible to the structural bodies of the prosecution, but also for other state and public offices, law-enforcement bodies, courts, investigative bodies, educational enterprises, public libraries to be open even to ordinary citizens including the students.

4) On April 20-21, 2011, with the aid of the Azerbaijan Lawyers Confederation and International Legal Cooperation Foundation of the Federal Ministry of Justice of Germany, a two-day seminar was organized for the prosecution officers entitled "The Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Application of International Standards on Human Rights" in the Scientific-Educational Centre.

The foreign and local specialists delivered appropriate lectures on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms during the seminar. The participants of the event were provided with necessary literature, magazine, brochure and CDs dedicated to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

5) On 17 June 2010, a seminar was conducted in the Scientific-Educational Centre entitled "Mechanism of Provision of human and civil rights and freedoms during the implementation of fair justice" which was organized by the Legal Provision and Information Department of the Prosecutor General's Office within the framework of "Month of human rights in the Republic of Azerbaijan". The event was attended by the officers of the prosecution office and the employees of Ombudsman. Lectures were delivered over the protection of human and civil rights and fundamental freedoms during the seminar.

The activities in this field continue accordingly".

**The Scientific-Educational Centre**

***Information on activities implemented by the Ministry of Education in the field of human rights education and enlightenment within the framework of the second phase of the World Program for Human Rights Education (2010-2014)***

Education on human rights, carried out in various ways, means provision of systematic knowledge to people receiving higher law education and conducting research in this area. In addition, it is very important for the development of society that not only people working in the field of law, but also engaged in study of different areas should be educated on the basis of human rights.

These professionals have the opportunity to play important role in the protection of human rights, and passing the relevant knowledge to the broad public, as well as in other related activities.

At the same time, in accordance with the relevant UN documents, including the provisions of the National Action Plan for the protection of human rights in Azerbaijan, the Ministry of Education in cooperation with the Ombudsman's Office, continues its activities on teaching children's right in comprehensive schools on the basis of human rights education. Multilevel trainings on children rights are being implemented successfully. The project was implemented for the first time in 3 schools, and later its implementation had been continued at 11 schools, one of which was chosen from the 11 districts of Baku city.

Since 2011 this training program has been implemented in 8 regions of the Republic - Ganja, Goygol, Sheki, Gabala, Guba. Shabran, Jalilabad, and Bilasuvar.

Pupils do not only obtain knowledge in this interactive training program, but they also teach and promote children's rights to their academic peers in one step lower classes. This approach serves, on the one hand, to the formation of human rights culture, on the other hand to the implementation of human rights at a school environment.

This practice has also been highly evaluated, and the first training centers of the child's rights have been established at the same education institutions. The training that aimed to gain skills in the field of human rights with interactive methods has been met with great interest of teachers and pupils.

Teacher's aid on "*Selected Themes for the Staged Training on Children Rights*" edited by the Commissioner has been elaborated and this aid is supposed to assist in implementation of "Staged Training on Children Rights". Fundamental rights and freedoms of children declared in the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan and other acts of national legislation, as well as international documents, first of all in UN Convention on Children's Rights, and their short descriptions have been reflected in this educational material. Detailed information on the teaching of children's rights and exemplary training topics has been presented in it. The involvement of the related subject teachers in these processes contributes to the development of their knowledge and skills, and to the work of preparation of qualified human rights specialists.

In order to learn international acts on human rights textbooks on human rights and freedoms have been prepared for higher, secondary and comprehensive schools of the Republic; Olympiads and competitions have been organized; art exhibitions, festivals and other events on human rights have been carried out.

In secondary and higher education institutions the basic knowledge on human rights, and in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade of all comprehensive schools the subject "The Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan" is taught. Within the subject "Man and Society" taught in 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades of secondary schools, topics on human rights and freedoms have been given a large space.

For the students specialized in the field of law and political science in the higher educational institutions the courses on the teaching of human rights knowledge within the education programs of the higher educational institutions was organized on a high level. Within the framework of international humanitarian law "Peace and Conflict" subject is taught at Baku State University, Baku Slavic University, Azerbaijan Language University, Azerbaijan State Pedagogical University, Ganja State University, Sumgait State University, Western, and Khazar Universities. In the bachelor programs of all higher educational institutions "The Principles of the Constitution and the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan" subject is taught.

Education programs on juvenile justice administration have been carried out at Baku and Nakhichevan State Universities. "Human Rights" subject has been included in the education programs of the 4<sup>th</sup> year in the bachelor's degree and the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in Master's degree in the faculties of International Law, International Relations and Law. Within the "Human Rights" subject, which is taught for 45 hours in the 1<sup>st</sup> semester, children's rights have been included as special topics and have been taught. Juvenile justice administration has been taught as a special subject at Nakhichevan State University's full and part-time juvenile justice administration departments. "Family Rights" subject is taught at Mater's degree. Various topics on "Children's Rights" are included in this subject.

Curricula for higher and secondary education institutions have been improved, the following topics have been added to textbooks, and a wide space has been given to human rights topics in textbooks.

In the textbook "Man and Society" for the 10<sup>th</sup> grade detailed information is given about "Various systems on the protection of human dignity", "Human and citizen rights and freedoms", "The concept of human civil rights", "History of the development of human rights", "The culture of election law", "Convention on the Rights of the Child", "Human and civil rights and freedoms in Azerbaijan", and other topics;

Literature and textbooks on human rights, as well as teachers aids have been sent to the libraries of higher and secondary education institutions. All libraries of educational institutions have been given a task by the relevant departments of the Ministry of Education to collect and preserve legal documents, orders, decrees, and other relevant materials related to this field.



In order to conduct researches on human rights, cooperation has been established between Baku State University and Nijni Novgorod University of the Russian Federation and Saint-Petersburg State University.

A department of law has been established within the Republican Scientific Pedagogical Library, and the section of human rights has been established under this department. The department has about 150 books and materials. A department of law and "Human Rights Fund" has been established within the library of Baku State University. The fund has been provided with 4000 books and materials.

A department for the "Development of Human Rights" has been established within the library of Western University, and about 70 books and materials with 15 different names have been provided.

In order to teach human rights through interactive ways like other subjects, special methodological aids have been prepared.

The Ministry of Education continues its work in the direction of providing education to every child and preparation of well-educated generation for the future.

"The Reform Program in Juvenile Justice System of Azerbaijan" has been analyzed; Action Plans of the Ministry of Education and UNICEF has been prepared within the framework of the Program on the protection of children's rights and cooperation agreement has been signed.

As prescribed in the plan, boarding-schools and children houses were monitored, and the results had been discussed in the meeting of the Board of the Ministry of Education on 31.10.2007. The implementation of issues prescribed in the Plan is being continued.

The Juvenile Justice Reform project launched by UNICEF, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Azerbaijan NGO Alliance for the Child Rights in cooperation with the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan is supported by the OSCE Office in Baku. This project is implemented together with the Children's Right Clinic, which was co-established to provide children with legal assistance.

The results of this project were evaluated by the Children's Rights Center of the United Kingdom in 2010, and it was recommended to integrate the project into the national juvenile justice system, to achieve sustainability of the project by the Government, and to fund the services of the Children's Rights Clinic by the state, starting from 2011.

The Head of OSCE Office in Baku, in this regard, sent a letter on 10.08.2010 with the number MO-491/10 to the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

As a result of the research conducted by associate professor of the faculty of law, Mr. A.Aliyev, "International law regulation of the status of foreigners and stateless people: theory and practice" monograph was prepared and published. As a result of scientific research carried at the faculty of law at Baku State University "Building a law state in Azerbaijan, the provision of fundamental human rights and freedoms" monograph was published.

Based on the principle of "Education for all" and in accordance with the annual work plan of the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan and UNICEF, "School is a friend of child" project is being implemented to provide

security of children in educational institutions, quality education and health environment. In 2010-2011 academic year 100 schools joined this project. Within the framework of this project in June –July 2010, directors and deputy directors of 100 schools participated in trainings, and 50 of them received the certificate of a trainer. These processes had been continued in 2010-2011 academic year.

In 2009-2010 academic year, 998 teachers of comprehensive education institutions participated in trainings for teaching “Life skill-based education” and received certificates.

With the aim of protection of children’s rights and formation of the sense of citizenship, “Live Law” program was implemented with the presence of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade pupils from 38 comprehensive schools, by the Lawyers Association Central Europe and Eurasia Law Initiative. (ABA-CEELI)

In 2009-2010 academic year, 10 more schools joined this program. Teachers, pupils and parents of those schools were enlightened on the education of human rights. The project is being continued.

In 2009-2010 academic year, within the framework of humanization of education, the Convention on the Rights of the Child and other documents were translated and distributed to schools.

In 2011, additional topics on human rights were included in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade textbook “Human and Society”, new edition of which is planned for publication:

- Responsibility for the violation of norms of international humanitarian law;
- The influence of environmental and social balance on the protection of human rights, etc.

By the financial aid of Swiss Agency for the Development and Cooperation of International Organization for Migration, “Human Trafficking: threads and remedial initiatives” (textbook for teachers) and “Protect yourself from human trafficking” (guide for students) books, posters, booklets, pocket card and CDs have been prepared by the teachers of secondary education institutions. Those materials have been distributed to comprehensive education institutions.

In accordance with the paragraph 28 of the Action Plan for the fulfillment of the “State Program on the implementation of the national strategy on the development of science in 2009-2015 in the Republic of Azerbaijan, proposals were prepared by the Ministry of Education about the construction of an independent building for the Republican Scientific Pedagogical Library and the provision of the library with the modern information and communication technologies, and the letters with the dates 24.10.2007, No. 40-16-393/14 and 23.09.2009, No. 40/16-386/14 were sent to the Cabinet of Ministers.

In the future, construction of an independent building for the Republican Scientific Pedagogical Library, changing this library into an electronic library, and establishment of the department of “Human Rights” are planned.