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Mr. President,

The protection of national security interests of every country necessitates civic regulation of migration processes along with other several factors. Gradual removal of the existing borders between states, globalization processes and universalization of the global economy, establishment of “unified standards” in lifestyles and behaviors, migration problems have also global character. At the beginning of XXI century in a situation where political, socio-economic, cultural relations expand among states, developed and developing countries are exposed to more serious influence and threats of migration processes. Thus, people unable to find proper job in their country, socially underprovided and with low living standards see the solution in migrating to other countries.

Rapid economic growth and sustainable economic development in the close vicinity of the European economic-financial crisis has increased the role of our country as a place of destination. The return of the Azerbaijani nationals who have left Azerbaijan in the early 90s, as well as the flow of foreign workers has further increased the relevance of much more robust regulation of migration in Azerbaijan. We feel that there is need for strong control of labour market, while illegal arrival of foreign migrants and their unregistered activities in Azerbaijan is intensifying. The State Migration service is taking necessary measures in that regard.

Today, State Migration Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan is dealing with issues of extending temporary staying period, granting permission for temporary residence, admission, revocation, restoration of citizenship, as well as determination of citizenship and refugee status, granting work permit to carry out labor activity and extension of the existing work permit, as well as registration of foreigners, fight against illegal migration. Migration Information Center which is functioning in order to solve operatively problems arising in migration field, at the same time to review urgent applications and complaints, is very important from the aspect of providing both transparency in migration service activity and providing citizens with necessary information. Migration Code that was prepared in full compliance with the international practice, as well as the relevant legislation of the European Union has already been adopted.

Finally, we would request the project proposals focused on the on the issue of migration to be submitted by OSCE Project Coordinator in Baku to the relevant agencies of Azerbaijan for consideration.

Thank you for attention.