

Distinguished seminar participants,

Ladies and gentlemen,

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I would like to emphasize that Azerbaijan situates on the crossing of transport corridors which play an important role for the economies of the region. Transport system of our country has a great potential in implementation of passengers and freight transportation through region.

Azerbaijan is the leading initiator of many international and regional transport projects, such as Baku-Tbilisi-Kars new railway connection project, as well as construction of Baku International Sea Trade Port and construction and reconstruction of some internal highways play important role in Transport Policy of Azerbaijan Republic.

I would like to state that the Ministry of Transport of Azerbaijan Republic drafted a national transport policy in 2008 (in consultation with the related governmental organizations) that is now awaiting official approval. The Government also allocated significant funding for the development of transport infrastructure in the period 2004-2008.

Azerbaijan has already defined main directions of its transport strategy:

- Infrastructure Development and creation of the efficient transport system
- Integration to the International Transport System
- Development of the International Transport Corridors with TRACECA and North – South as priorities
- Facilitation of Border Crossing Procedures, creation of the more flexible tariff policy and harmonization of the transport legislation

- Development of the Information Network and the system of control and monitoring of transportation

The Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Azerbaijan is an organization which is in charge of implementation of State Transport Policy.

One of the most important directions of our transport policy is the creation of infrastructure system based on international standards and formation of the effective transport system which could be successfully integrated into the international transport projects.

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Recent years, the government of Azerbaijan undertook a number of important steps in the fight against corruption. According to these international and internal conventions, programs and laws the Ministry of Transport of Azerbaijan adopted “Action Plan combating against corruption and increase of transparency over the Ministry of transport system (2007-2011)”. Separation of commercial and state regulation functions, at the result of this activities by the decree of President of Azerbaijan there were created State Maritime and Aviation Administrations which deal with state regulation functions, privatization of transport sub-institutions, creation of new transport infrastructures together with private sector, implementation of new license regulatory system in the transport filed are the activities in transport policy. As well as strengthening of transparence in tenders carrying out in construction of new transport-road complex, construction of intellectual system of transport management are the priorities of Ministry of Transport in implementation of State Program Combating Corruption. Provision of equitable vies and increasing of transparency in the privatization processes in transport system also the composition of this policy. According to these measures our goal is to create the unified Euroasian Transport System which would provide the cooperation within Region, promote international trade and improve the social economic indicators. Creation of essential conditions for the simplification of custom clearance and documentation required for the transit transport the measures

and related with these procedures approved “Single Window principle” and this principle is implementing now.

At the same time citizens of Azerbaijan Republic who is going on to work at the Ministry of Transport should be carried out by the regulations of the Civil Service Commission. And I think that this is one of the best examples of transparency in admission to the state agencies.

As you know Transparency is one of important means for economic growth, increase of social welfare and public confidence, as well as modern and flexible management. Along with achieving these goals, transparency is an inevitable choice to fight corruption, which is of concern for all societies.

In conclusion, I would like to wish all participants of this meeting success in fighting against corruption in their field of activity.

Thank you for your attention.