

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON HUMANITARIAN DEMINING TRAINING
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

- I. Purpose. To establish an understanding of commitment between the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan (GOAJ) and the U.S. Government (USG), for the purpose of planning and conducting the Beecroft Initiative (program) of combined training of Armenian and Azerbaijani Deminers, hosted by the Republic of Georgia, which will also participate in the training from 18 Sep - 03 Nov 2000.
- II. Scope. This understanding establishes the conditions under which the U.S. Government will provide the planned Humanitarian Demining (HD) training. It is understood that all U. S. assets transferred to the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan under the Beecroft Initiative will be used exclusively for the purposes of supporting Humanitarian Demining operations.
- III. Effective Date and Period of Agreement. This agreement is effective upon the date of signing by the participating representatives from the Governments of the United States and the Republic of Azerbaijan. It shall remain in effect until all training under the Beecroft Initiative is completed, and all Azerbaijani personnel involved in this training are transported back to Azerbaijan on 4 November 2000.
- IV. Resource Commitments. a. The USG will provide complete funding for this program, to include all service and support forces, equipment and materials. Additionally, USG will provide all instructors and training materials, and all equipment for all personnel trained. USG will also provide transportation for all participating Azerbaijan personnel from Baku, Azerbaijan to the Krtsanisi Military Base, in the Republic of Georgia. Upon completion of training, USG will also fund transportation for all participating Azerbaijani personnel back to Baku Azerbaijan.
- b. GOAJ will provide fifteen (15) Deminers, two (2) interpreters and no more than three (3) observers. All GOAJ personnel who participate in this training will have appropriate permits and visas required to participate in training in the Republic of Georgia. Additionally, all

personnel who are designated by the GOAJ to conduct training and participate in the Beecroft proposal are expected to arrive on the designated day, and remain for the duration (i.e., until completion) of training. Also, a packing list of required personnel equipment will be made available during the Predeployment Site Survey (PDSS). All equipment and materials brought into the Republic of Georgia in support of the Beecroft Initiative will not be subject to customs charges, import duties or other taxes.

V. Effective Date. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) becomes effective upon signature of all parties concerned and remains in effect until amended, superseded, terminated, or upon completion of program period. The following signatories all agree on the concept of support as written in this letter. Any changes or deviations to this document will be coordinated with all parties.

VI. The Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan certifies that it will be the end-user of various U.S. Defense articles/data imported from the U.S. for the purposes of Humanitarian Demining operations in the Republic of Azerbaijan as specified in this memorandum of understanding. Except as specifically authorized by prior written approval of the U.S. Department of State, the Republic of Azerbaijan will not re-export, re-sell, or otherwise dispose of any of those articles or data (1) outside the country of Azerbaijan or (2) to any other person. We further certify that we will use the authorized articles/data only for the purposes specified in this memorandum of understanding.

VII. Signed in Baku on August 4, 2000.



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