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**STATE PROGRAM
of strengthening fight against corruption**

I. Legislative measures

Measures	Responsible agency	Terms
1. The following bills to be drafted and presented: "On State Service" "On Fighting Organized Crime" "On Prosecutor's Office" "On Police" "On Operations of Investigation" Criminal code of procedure Civil code of procedure	Committee on Legal Reform near the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan	1st half of 1999
"On State Security Organs" "On State Service" "On Notary Public" "On Legal Counsel" Apartment code	Committee on Legal Reform near the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan	2nd half of 1999
Criminal code Civil code	Committee on Legal Reform near the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan	1999-2000

<p>“On Fighting Corruption” “On Declaration of Income by State Servants” “On Preventing Legalizing Illegally Acquired Money” “On State Protection of Parties to Criminal Court Proceedings” Tax code</p>	Cabinet of Ministers	1 st half of 1999
<p>“On Implementation of Court Decisions and on Parties Implementing Them” “On Private Arbitration” “On Lobbying”</p>	Cabinet of Ministers	2 nd half of 1999
Code on administrative violations of law	Cabinet of Ministers	1999-2000
“On Fighting Illegal Dissemination of Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and Precursors”	State Commission on Fighting Drugs and Narcotic Substances	1 st half of 1999
2. Finalizing the draft “On the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan”	Cabinet of Ministers	1 st half of 1999
3. Preparation of legislative base for local budgets	Cabinet of Ministers Ministry of Finance Ministry of Economy	1 st half of 1999
4. Drafting legislation on improving material and technical conditions of judiciary and other organs by using to this end portion of the money returned to the state as a result of their activity aimed at compensation for the detriment done to the state, and rewarding employees with special achievements in this field	Cabinet of Ministers	1999
5. Making internal regulations of ministries, committees and other agencies, that	Cabinet of Ministers	1999

create conditions for corruption and bribery, compliant with the legislative norms	Ministry of Justice Ministries, committees, companies, corporations, joint-stock companies	
6. Presenting proposals on introducing changes to the laws of the Republic of Azerbaijan "On Banks and Banking Activities", "On National Bank"	Cabinet of Ministers	1 st quarter of 1999
7. Presenting proposals on introducing changes to legislative acts to prevent ungrounded control actions	Cabinet of Ministers	1 st quarter of 1999
8. Presenting proposals on introducing changes to legislation on limiting participation of prosecutors in dealing with economic and civil disputes	Cabinet of Ministers	1 st quarter of 1999

II. Organizational measures

1. Finalizing, adoption and implementation of reform of the system of state governance in order to democratize the society, establish and develop new economic relations	Executive Office of President Cabinet of Ministers	1999-2000
2. Preparing organizational proposals on establishment of state control system in accordance with the demands of the market economy preventing ungrounded control actions that create artificial obstacles to the development of enterprising in connection with the tasks to eradicate corruption and bribery	Executive Office of President Cabinet of Ministers	1 st half of 1999 and on re- gular basis
3. Preparation of proposals on establishing appropriate structure to protect	Executive Office of President	1 st quarter of 1999

interests of legal and physical entities and co-ordinate activity of controlling agencies	Cabinet of Ministers	
4. Pursuing scientific analysis of conditions and reasons creating corruption and bribery with a consideration for international experience, prepare educational material in this sphere and educate specialists in fighting corruption and bribery at training courses	Academy of Sciences Ministry of Education Baku State University Ministry of Justice Prosecutor's Office Ministry of Interior Ministry of National Security State Customs Committee Ministry of Finance Main State Tax Inspection Chamber of Auditors Ministry of Press and Information	1999-2000
5. Preparation and implementation of adequate mechanism to effectively appropriate financial resources for social protection of citizens	Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of the Population Ministry of Finance Ministry of Economy Ministry of Justice State Fund for Social Security	1999
6. Preparation and implementation of proposals on strengthening control over appropriate use of subsidies and subventions from the state budget	Cabinet of Ministers Ministry of Finance	1 st quarter of 1999
7. Advancing the system of governance of state expenditures, providing for openness in the implementation of expenses, ensuring use of the finances from non-budgetary (special) funds through the treasury	Cabinet of Ministers Ministry of Finance Ministry of Economy	1999-2000

	National Bank	
8. Development of the system of financial operations, including loans, via state guarantees	Cabinet of Ministers Ministry of Finance Ministry of Economy National Bank	1 st quarter of 1999 on permanent basis
9. Advancing process of the state budget formation, of providing information on its implementation to the public regularly, putting together three-year budget prognoses (financial plans)	Cabinet of Ministers Ministry of Finance Ministry of Economy	1999-2000
10. Establishing control over drafting and implementation of investments	Cabinet of Ministers Ministry of Economy Ministry of Finance State Committee on Construction and Architecture	1 st quarter of 1999
11. Preparation of proposals on advancing of financial reports on the state budget and the treasury system	Cabinet of Ministers Ministry of Finance National Bank	1 st quarter of 1999
12. Restricting payments between economic entities and among these entities and the budget, providing for openness in payments	Cabinet of Ministers Ministry of Finance National Bank Main State Tax Inspection	1999
13. Establishment of a system of complex state purchases meeting standards of market economy and based on the principles of competition	Cabinet of Ministers Ministry of Finance Ministry of Economy	1999

	Ministry of Commerce State Agency on Purchases	
14. Developing control in taxation, raising responsibilities of tax organs' officials for violations of tax legislation	Ministry of Finance Ministry of Economy Main State Tax inspection Public Organizations of Entrepreneurs	1 st quarter of 1999 and on permanent basis
15. Strengthening control over compliance of including the expenditures into production costs of goods (services) to the legislation, advancing report forms used at companies and organizations	Ministry of Finance Main State Tax Inspection State Committee on Statistics Public Organizations of Entrepreneurs Independent experts	1 st half of 1999
16. Providing for openness in arranging credit auctions	National Bank Association of Commercial Banks	1999-2000
17. Strengthening control over activities of Interbank Currency Exchange, providing for purchases and sales based on existing demand and supply	National Bank Ministry of Finance Association of Commercial Banks	1999-2000
18. Undertaking comprehensive effective measures to secure optimal proportion between cash and clearing in circulation	National Bank	1999-2000
19. Undertaking measures in developing banking services (payments) to the customers (legal and physical entities)	National Bank Ministry of Finance Ministry of Economy	1999
20. Drafting program on clearing operations	National Bank	1999

	Ministry of Finance Ministry of Economy Ministry of Justice Main State Tax Inspection	
21. Strengthening control over export-import operations and leakage of foreign currency from the country	National Bank Ministry of Economy Ministry of Commerce State Customs Committee	
22. Tightening customs regime and fighting smuggling, establishing advanced information system to collect foreign trade data, consolidating technical basis for customs control procedure	Cabinet of Ministers State Customs Committee Ministry of National Security Main State Tax Inspection Ministry of Interior	1999
23. Strengthening state protection for entrepreneurship, eradication of negative developments in licensing and registration	Cabinet of Ministers State Committee on Anti-monopoly Policy and Entrepreneurship Assistance Ministry of Justice Ministry of Economy	1 st half of 1999
24. Providing for openness in the estimation of state property to be privatized and arranging auctions	Cabinet of Ministers State Property Committee	1999-2000
25. Division of functions of management and privatization of the state property	Cabinet of Ministers	1 st quarter of 1999
26. Advancing state regulation of the natural monopolies, securing openness in expenditures and tariffs, as well as redistribution of income, in this field	State Committee on Anti-monopoly Policy and Entrepreneurship Assistance	1 st quarter of 1999

	<p>Ministry of Finance Ministry of Economy</p>	
<p>27. Advancing mechanism of collecting payments for electricity, gas, water supply, apartment rent and other utilities, enforcing responsibility upon appropriate organs and organizations</p>	<p>Cabinet of Ministers Ministry of Justice Ministry of Finance Ministry of Economy Committee on Urban and Communal Construction “Azerenergy” Joint-stock Company “Azerigas” Share-stock Company Absheron Regional Water-supplies Joint-stock Company Local organs of governance on city and district level</p>	<p>1st quarter of 1999</p>
<p>28. Creating effective system of tender competitions and providing for openness in this field.</p>	<p>Cabinet of Ministers State Agency for Sales Purchases Ministry of Commerce State Committee on Anti-monopoly Policy and Entrepreneurship Assistance Ministry of Finance Ministry of Economy</p>	<p>1st half of 1999 and on regular basis</p>
<p>29. Throwing light upon reasons causing illegal economic activity, undertaking comprehensive measures to prevent such events</p>	<p>Cabinet of Ministers Ministry of Finance Ministry of Economy National Bank Main State Tax Inspection</p>	<p>1st half of 1999 and on regular basis</p>

	State Committee on Anti-monopoly Policy and Entrepreneurship Assistance Ministry of National Security Ministry of Interior Prosecutor's Office	
30. Advancing personal policy in state agencies, undertaking regular attestations, reinforcing measures aimed against servants who are involved in corruption and bribery, abuse of power, and who have created conditions for the above-mentioned by their actions or lack of such	Organs of state governance	1999-2000
31. Arranging interaction of law-enforcement and other structures in fighting corruption an bribery, providing computer system to prevent repetitive and ungrounded controls	Cabinet of Ministers Ministry of Finance Main State Tax Inspection National Bank Ministry of National Security Ministry of Interior Prosecutor's Office	1 st half of 1999
32. Acceleration of reforms in the court system to effectively protect property rights, control fulfillment of agreed obligations, secure rights of economic entities, establish stable conditions for the activity of domestic and foreign investors and for the development market-based economy	Ministry of Justice	1999
33. Presenting proposals for establishment of economic courts on local level	Cabinet of Ministers	1 st half of 1999
34. Developing financial and technical background of the court system reforms, finalizing provision on courts to make partial use of the costs	Cabinet of Ministers Ministry of Finance Ministry of Justice	2 nd quarter of 1999

35. Drafting proposals to complete staff of the court system, and to delegate part of local authorities' powers (educational, financial and technical support) to the judicial organs	Cabinet of Ministers Ministry of Justice	1999
36. Presenting proposal on establishment of legal support fund to finance activity of counsels of defense in cases when parties to economic and civil suites are limited financially	Cabinet of Ministers	1999
37. Drafting proposals on establishment of centralized database of law – related information	Cabinet of Ministers Ministry of Justice	1999
38. Drafting recommendations on modern investigation methodology based on analysis of fight against corruption and bribery, to advance approaches in this field	Prosecutor's Office Ministry of Justice Ministry of Interior Ministry of National Security	1 st half of 1999

III. Measures in informational field

1. Revealing conditions and reasons of corruption and bribery which damage moral values, in order to create healthy society and establish intolerance toward corruption and bribery, preparing publications on this issue, organizing lectures by the specialists, round-table meetings, sharing positive experience	Academy of Sciences Ministry of Press and Information Ministry of Education Ministry of Justice State TV and Broadcasting Corporation Local organs of governance on city and district level	1999-2000
2. Organizing events for explaining citizens' rights to them, undertaking	State TV and Broadcasting Corporation	1999-2000

measures aimed at deepening law-related knowledge of individuals in order to strengthen fight against corruption and bribery	Ministry of Press and Information Ministry of Education Prosecutor's Office Ministry of National Security Ministry of Justice Local organs of governance on city and district level	
3. Establishing permanent relations with the media and making wide use of its capabilities to increase effectiveness of the measures against corruption and bribery	Executive Office of the President State TV and Broadcasting Corporation Ministry of Press and Information	1999-2000

IV. Measures in international field

1. Strengthening cooperation with international and regional organizations in the sphere of fighting corruption and bribery, joining international agreements in order to co-ordinate domestic measures with international ones	Ministry of Foreign Affairs Prosecutor's Office Ministry of Justice Ministry of Interior Ministry of National Security State Customs Committee Main State Tax Inspection Ministry of Finance National Bank	1999-2000
2. Using international exchange of information on legal and physical entities making corruption and bribery possible, using legal means to retrieve money, cultural treasures, valuables, and compensation of the equivalent of real estate,	Cabinet of Ministers Ministry of Economy Ministry of Finance	1999-2000

<p>which were illegally acquired and taken out of the country</p>	<p>National Bank Ministry of Foreign Affairs Prosecutor's Office Ministry of Justice Ministry of Interior Ministry of National Security State Customs Committee</p>	
<p>3. Strengthening business ties between state organs and the World Bank in order to undertake measures, provided for in the State Program, to intensify fight against corruption and bribery</p>	<p>Executive Office of the President Cabinet of Ministers Ministry of Economy Ministry of Finance National Bank Ministry of Foreign Affairs State Property Committee Main State Tax Inspection</p>	<p>1999-2000</p>