

**Agreement on Educational Cooperation****between****the Government of the United States of America  
and****the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan**

The Government of the United States of America (United States) and the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan (Azerbaijan), hereinafter referred to as "the Parties,"- recognizing the value to both peoples of enhanced mutual understanding and respect, and desiring to continue and strengthen existing ties of friendship and to develop cooperation in the field of education on the basis of mutual interests, have agreed to the following terms:

**ARTICLE 1**

The Parties shall encourage contacts and exchanges at all educational levels, and in all fields of study and research, through the establishment of close ties between the citizens of Azerbaijan and the United States, and between public and private educational, teaching and research institutions and universities in the two countries.

**ARTICLE 2**

The Parties shall encourage direct educational collaboration and exchange between the students, teachers, scholars, researchers, experts, and educational institutions of both countries consistent with the educational systems and relevant laws, regulations and procedures in the United States and Azerbaijan.

**ARTICLE 3**

The Parties shall encourage and facilitate educational activities that would strengthen good relations between the two countries, including through support for academic scholarships and grants to promote student and scholar exchange programs.

**ARTICLE 4**

The Parties shall seek to expand the Fulbright program through joint funding to promote a greater exchange of graduate students, scholars and researchers between the two countries in important fields including the natural

sciences, engineering, information technology, the social sciences, humanities, arts, communications, business management, agriculture and health, the Azerbaijani and English languages and other fields. Azerbaijan shall support Fulbright scholarships through its State Study Abroad program for Azerbaijani graduate students to study at American universities. The United States shall support Fulbright scholarships for the exchange of both U.S. and Azerbaijani graduate students and scholars.

#### ARTICLE 5

The Parties, recognizing the important contribution that vocational education and the development of highly valued skills for employment can have on economic development and life-long learning, and desiring to reach sectors of society that have not traditionally participated in international exchanges, shall explore ways to encourage greater student, teacher, and administrator exchanges and institutional collaboration between community colleges and vocational institutions.

#### ARTICLE 6

The Parties shall assist in the provision of information about tertiary educational systems and practices, facilities, courses of instruction, and opportunities for study and exchange which may be of interest to the other country, subject to mutual agreement.

#### ARTICLE 7

The Parties shall grant each other the right to enter into and maintain direct contacts with the relevant ministries, secretariats and other public bodies, local authorities, non-governmental organizations, professional associations, and private organizations, individuals and groups.

#### ARTICLE 8

Each Party shall process any applications for travel, entry, residence, and exit for exchange participants of the other country in accordance with the relevant laws, regulations and procedures established by each Party for this purpose.

#### ARTICLE 9

This Agreement shall be subject to the laws and regulations of the respective Parties, as applicable. The arrangements for cooperation, activities, and exchanges under this Agreement shall also be subject to the availability of appropriated funds of each Party.

**ARTICLE 10**

This Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the Parties. Such amendments shall be made in the form of separate Protocols, which shall be considered an integral part of this Agreement and shall enter into force in accordance with Article 12 of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 11**

The duration of this Agreement shall be five years, and it shall be renewable for successive five-year periods. If either Party does not terminate this Agreement by notifying the other Party in writing at least six months prior to the termination date, the Agreement will automatically be extended for the next five years.

**ARTICLE 12**

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of receipt by the Parties of the last written notification through diplomatic channels confirming the completion of their respective internal procedures required for the entry into force of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

Done at Baku, in duplicate, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008, in the English and Azerbaijani languages, each text being equally authentic.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:**

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN:**

