

ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

on approval of the National Action Plan of the Republic of Azerbaijan on Struggle Against Trafficking in Human Beings (2009-2013)

For the purpose of continuation of activities implemented in the field of struggle against trafficking in human beings, improvement of normative legal base and institutional mechanisms, including increase of efficiency of activities of government authorities I decide:

1. To approve National Action Plan of the Republic of Azerbaijan on Struggle Against Trafficking in Human Beings (2009-2013) (attached).
2. The Ministry of Internal Affairs of Azerbaijan is to provide implementation of measures mentioned in the plan together with the relevant executive power bodies.
3. The Cabinet of Ministers of Azerbaijan is to settle matters arising from this order.
4. The Order comes into force on the date of being signed.

Ilham Aliyev
The President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Baku, February 06, 2009
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Approved under the Order No.133 of the
President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated
to February 06, 2009

National Action Plan of the Republic of Azerbaijan on Struggle Against Trafficking in Human Beings (2009-2013)

As continuation of the activities implemented in the field of combating trafficking in human beings in accordance with the National Action Plan of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated to May 06, 2004,

Guiding by the provisions of the legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan, UN conventions, Council of Europe and other international treaties in the field of combating trafficking in human beings,

In order to provide identification and prevention of all forms of trafficking in human beings, identification of its reasons and elimination of its results, as well as protection of victims of trafficking in human beings, restoration of their rights, social rehabilitation and safe repatriation,

Emphasizing necessity of awareness raising activities and cooperation with civil society institutions in combating trafficking in human beings,

Considering the necessity of international cooperation in the field of combating trafficking in human beings and supporting initiatives implemented in this field

New National Action Plan of the Republic of Azerbaijan for 2009 – 2013 on Struggle Against Trafficking in Human Beings (hereinafter to be referred to as “National Action Plan”) is approved.

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Main measures implemented in the Republic of Azerbaijan on combating trafficking in human beings

The National Action Plan on Struggle Against Trafficking in Human Beings was approved in the Republic of Azerbaijan on May 06, 2004. According to the National Action Plan, the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan on “Struggle Against Trafficking in Human Beings” was adopted and relevant additions and amendments were made to the Criminal Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Furthermore, several normative legal acts were approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan on combating trafficking in human beings:

- Regulations regarding establishment, financing and activity of special institutions for victims of trafficking in human beings and control over their activities;
- Regulations regarding immediate surrender of the victims of trafficking in human beings to police stations without any impediment;
- Regulations regarding social rehabilitation of the victims of trafficking in human beings;
- Decision on determination of amount of the benefit paid to the persons affected from trafficking in human beings during reintegration period;
- Regulation regarding Assistance Fund to the victims of trafficking in human beings.

“Charter of “Hot line” serving to persons affected from the crime on trafficking in human beings and potential victims of trafficking in human beings” was adopted by the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Official person for combating trafficking in human beings – National Coordinator was appointed in order to provide institutional basis of combating trafficking in human beings. Working Group consisted of representatives of the corresponding central executive power bodies had been established in order to form single mutual cooperation system of participants of the National Action Plan and to provide exchange of information among them.

Department on Struggle Against Trafficking in Human Beings (hereinafter to be referred to as the “Department on Struggle Against Trafficking in Human Beings”) was established under the Main Organized Crime Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in 2004 and the department has begun to operate as an independent body in the ministry since 2006.

Centralized database was established in the Department on Struggle Against Trafficking in Human Beings in order to collect, generalize and analyze information regarding criminal cases of trafficking in human beings, persons committed crimes and victims of trafficking in human beings and confidentiality was provided.

“Hot line” telephone service, rendered free services to victims and potential victims of trafficking in human beings in the country, began to operate and public was informed about this service.

Safe shelter was put into use for the victims of trafficking in human beings, rendering medical, psychological, legal and other assistance to the victims and suspected victims of trafficking in human beings (hereinafter to be referred to as “victims and suspected victims”) within the shelter, security and confidentiality of the persons residing here were provided.

The Republic of Azerbaijan has joined to majority of international agreements in the field of combating trafficking in human beings, including the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Human Beings, especially Women and Children, supplementing the mentioned Convention, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Children on Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography and UN Convention on Suppression of Trafficking in Human Beings and Exploitation of Prostitution by third party.

2. Purpose and duties of the National Action Plan of the Republic of Azerbaijan for 2009-2013 on Struggle Against Trafficking in Human Beings

Purpose of the national Action Plan for 2009-2013 is continuation of measures taken in a way of identification and prevention of all forms of trafficking in human beings, as well as elimination of its results. The National Action Plan establishes improvement of legislation in a way of combating trafficking in human beings, prevention and prophylaxis of trafficking in human beings, improvement of pursuing crimes, strengthening security of the victims and suspected victims of trafficking in human beings, their rehabilitation, cooperation in combating trafficking in human beings, coordinating and enlightening measures.

The National Action Plan considers main duties and participation of different authorities (relevant executive power bodies, non-governmental organizations, international partners and other bodies) in their execution in order to achieve the above-mentioned goals.

All the bodies combating trafficking in human beings operate under the guidance of general principles stipulated by the National Action Plan. General duties determined by the National Action Plan in combating trafficking in human beings are followings:

- prevention of discrimination of victims of trafficking in human beings in society;
- providing security of and polite treatment with the victims of trafficking in human beings;
- necessity of punishment for trafficking in human beings;
- realization of preventive measures of legal, political, social-economic and organizational type;
- involvement of civil society representatives in combating trafficking in human beings;
- development of international cooperation in the field of combating trafficking in human beings.

II. MEASURES RELATED TO COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS

1. Improvement of legislation in the field of combating trafficking in human beings

Implementation of measures for being the Republic of Azerbaijan of party to the Council of Europe Convention on the activity against trafficking in human beings, making necessary changes and amendments to the legislation on the basis of analysis and by considering international practice and establishment of relevant working group is planned in order to improve the legislation in combating trafficking in human beings. Relevant legislative measures will be taken for establishment of criminal responsibility of legal entities concerning the crimes related to trafficking in human beings.

2. Prevention and strengthening preventive measures for trafficking in human beings

Application of National Guidance Mechanism according to the National Action Plan is planned. Main goals of the National Guidance Mechanism is the establishment of an efficient system that will provide protection of victims' rights, their handling to the concerned authorities, security, repatriation and rehabilitation and formation of rules in this field. Establishment of inter-authority commission is planned for the implementation of the National Guidance Mechanism.

The victims and potential victims are informed of the danger that they may encounter with as well as protection measures, institutional, legal and other actions provided by the government against trafficking in human beings in order to prevent trafficking in human beings.

It is planned to involve non-governmental organizations which are going to act in the environment where victims are working, for measures in a way of informing them for the purpose of prevention of trafficking in human beings, identification of relevant non-governmental organizations for this purpose and conduct necessary trainings.

Furthermore, informing the public about the "Hot line" telephone service rendering free services to the victims and potential victims is continued. Additional measures will be taken in order to regularly conduct trainings to operators working in the "Hot line" telephone service and provide security of these lines and confidentiality of the persons using them.

Rules (indicators) will be developed for identification of victims of trafficking in human beings. Purpose of the rules is to identify the victims more easily and take immediate measures regarding providing their rights. Victims are not likely to inform the police, migration or other concerned authority about their conditions. So, the corresponding authorities should have necessary knowledge for identification of victims. Trainings dedicated to the methods of identification of victims will be conducted for employees of the Department on Struggle Against Trafficking in Human Beings, authorities working in the field of migration and other relevant governmental bodies.

Development and realization of programs directed to elimination of social problems created an opportunity for trafficking in human beings are planned. Additional measures will be taken in order to provide employment of the victims of trafficking in human beings. Development and efficient use of social, legal, pedagogical and other measures package directed at identification and elimination of the reasons and cases caused child negligence will be provided as well.

Measures are planned to be taken for identification of children avoided study and their involvement in study. Special programs will be developed and realized regarding preventive measures for child negligence and violation of rights in educational facilities, orphanages, school boarding houses, commissions on affairs and protection of rights of minors and other concerned authorities and bodies.

3. Improvement of pursuing crime against trafficking in human beings

Measures regarding identification and opening of crimes related to trafficking in human beings crimes, identification of persons working out and committing these crimes, realization of pursuing crime as well as obtaining information from victims and suspected victims of such crimes will be continued.

Conducting training regarding implementation of operational – investigative activities and pursuing crimes and improvement of relations with relevant international bodies and law – enforcement authorities of foreign countries for this purpose are planned in order to increase efficiency of combating trafficking in human beings.

The National Coordinator establishes necessary relations with the Department on Struggle Against Trafficking in Human Beings, security authorities, border and migration services, police, public prosecution bodies and other law-enforcement authorities as well as courts for efficient realization of operational – investigative activity and pursuing crime regarding the crimes related to trafficking in human beings. The National Coordinator can expand relations with other governmental and non-governmental bodies when he / she considers necessary.

Government bodies which obtained information regarding planned crimes related to trafficking in human beings will take immediate measures, inform the Department on Struggle Against Trafficking in Human Beings and render it necessary assistance. The Department is also coordination body for non-governmental bodies on "Hot line" telephone assistance service, safe shelter and cooperation activity.

Measures will be continued for improvement of the activity of the Department on Struggle Against Trafficking in Human Beings. Trainings will be conducted for the employees of the Department on the following directions:

- obtaining information, documents and other objects from victims and other sources in a way defined by the legislation and submitting them as evidences;
- methods of identification of victims and suspected victims;
- use of certain observation methods and technical means;
- rules of behavior with victims and suspected victims.

Measures will be continued for the purpose of improvement in protection of witnesses and the persons cooperating with the bodies implementing prosecution of crimes in combating trafficking in human beings, motivation of cooperation of the persons involved in committing crimes related to trafficking in human beings with competent authorities and giving information that can be useful for investigation.

Involvement of non-governmental organizations to the work with the victims of trafficking in human beings is planned in order to improve pursuing crime against trafficking in human beings. Non-governmental organizations will establish relations with the victims of trafficking in human beings, inform them about measures taken by the governmental organizations and agitate to cooperate with the governmental bodies.

Organizing study of the issues related to pursuing crimes regarding trafficking in human beings and new legislation adopted regarding it, study of advanced international practice in this field, working out joint training programs for the concerned law enforcement authorities regarding investigation of crimes related to trafficking in human beings are planned. Improvement of cooperation among the authorities implementing the pursuing crimes related to trafficking in human beings, providing efficient exchange of information and practice, joint study of the problems emerged in the field of combating trafficking in human beings will be organized.

The government bodies involved in combating trafficking in human beings will appoint coordinating employees in order to provide mutual relations with the Department on Struggle Against Trafficking in Human Beings. Relevant employees on investigation and conviction of crimes related to trafficking in human beings will be involved in specialized trainings.

4. Improvement of protection and social rehabilitation of the victims of trafficking in human beings

Improvement of activities of the safe shelters for the victims of trafficking in human beings

Additional measures will be taken in order to provide security and confidentiality of the victims in the shelters more effectively for the purpose of improvement of the activity of safe shelters for the victims of trafficking in human beings. Trainings will be continued for police providing safety of the shelters and employees of the non – governmental organizations working there. Additional measures will be implemented for improvement of rendering medical, psychological, legal and other assistance to the victims and suspected victims in the shelter.

Organizing assistance centers for the victims of trafficking in human beings

Activities are planned for giving explanations regarding existing institutional and legal procedures for protection of rights and interests of the victims, rendering medical, psychological and other necessary assistance to them as well as establishing assistance centers for the purpose of helping social rehabilitation of these persons. Financing, activity of these centers and rules of control over their activity will be determined as well.

The assistance centers will be operating in cooperation with the non-governmental organizations.

Rehabilitation and reintegration of victims

Functions of bodies implementing the duties regarding relations with the victims, assistance to the victims, providing their safety and rehabilitation will be concretized and rules for social rehabilitation of the victims will be improved.

Amount of social benefit paid to the persons affected from trafficking in human beings during reintegration period is planned to be increased step by step. Programs and complex measures plans will be developed and implemented on rendering medical, as well as psychological assistance to the victims. Encouraging measures will be taken for entrepreneurs in order to provide employment of the persons affected from trafficking in human beings.

Improvement of assistance rendered to the child victims of trafficking in human beings

Special measures must be taken for the minor victims of trafficking in human beings. Information regarding minor victims of trafficking in human beings must be immediately given to the patronage and guardianship authority, the State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs and the commissions on affairs and protection of rights of minors through the shelters and assistance centers.

Rules will be determined for placement of and keeping children in the shelters, special programs will be developed and realized for their social rehabilitation.

Measures will be implemented in a way identification of parents of the child victims of trafficking in human beings or determination of patronage or guardianship regarding them.

Measures will be taken for protection of rights and legal interests of the child victims of trafficking in human beings in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Azerbaijan on "Rights of Children", "Prophylaxis of Negligence and Violation of Rights of Minors", UN Convention on the Rights of Children as well as other laws of the Republic of Azerbaijan and international agreements to which the Republic is a party while rendering assistance to such category of children.

There will be provided an opportunity for children placed in the shelters to continue their study and to get in touch and communicate with their families (except the cases when parents are supposed to be cause to their children's becoming victims of trafficking in human beings).

Relevant measures will be implemented for identification of sponsor of the child victims of trafficking in human beings in the country of origin during the repatriation of these children to the country which they belong and their safe repatriation will be provided.

Safe repatriation of the victims of trafficking in human beings

Measures are planned regarding the provision of victims who wants to leave the Republic of Azerbaijan with relevant documents and rendering assistance in payment of their necessary expenses. Important measures will be implemented in order to decrease the danger of becoming a victim of trafficking in human beings of the victims desiring to leave the Republic of Azerbaijan in the recipient country. Practical works will be done for expanding relations with the relevant governmental bodies of the countries of origin in order to render assistance in the process of repatriation of foreigners and stateless persons who are victims of trafficking in human beings.

Measures will be implemented for granting temporary residence permit to foreigners and stateless persons being victims of trafficking in human beings in order to live in the Republic of Azerbaijan in a way established by the legislation.

Additional works will be carried out for improvement of cooperation between the Republic of Azerbaijan and authorities combating trafficking in human beings of the foreign countries where diplomatic representative offices and consulates of the Republic are active. Diplomatic representative offices and consulates of the Republic of Azerbaijan in foreign countries will render assistance for returning victims of trafficking in human beings to Azerbaijan and provide granting documents allowing them to return to the Republic of Azerbaijan during short period of time.

5. Coordination of activity of participants and resources of the National Action Plan

Coordination of activity of participants of the National Action Plan

The National Action Plan includes establishment of a system covering and effectively coordinating all the aspects of combating trafficking in human beings. Involvement of non-governmental organizations, international organizations and other partners in implementation of the measures, coordination of their activities by the National Coordinator are considered in the National Action Plan in addition to functions of the governmental bodies in the field of combating trafficking in human beings. Purpose of the coordination is to establish a single mutual cooperation system of the National Action Plan participants and provide exchange of information among these bodies.

The National Action Plan considers coordination of activities of its participants and improvement of mutual cooperation, increase of efficiency of information exchange among the participants of the National Action Plan.

The National Coordinator is responsible person for implementation of the National Action Plan and carries out the following functions:

- implementation of coordination activity for the purpose of execution of the duties assigned by the National Action Plan;
- determination of relevant participants in taking the measures assigned by the National Action Plan;
- realizing control over the activity of the Department on Struggle Against Trafficking in Human Beings;
- regularly keeping relations with the participants of the National Action Plan and establishment of cooperation with other authorities;
- determination of needs arising from implementation of the National Action Plan and taking relevant measures for their solution;
- coordination of assistance of the relevant government bodies, non-governmental organizations, international institutions and other partners for implementation of the measures assigned by the National Action Plan;
- providing relevant authorities with information in compliance with the principle of having only necessary information;
- organization of regular meetings of participants for the purpose of solution of the problems coming from the National Action Plan;
- giving information regarding the state of combating trafficking in human beings;
- implementation of other functions for execution of the duties defined by the National Action Plan.

Coordination of support and resources regarding the National Action Plan

Coordination of support provided to the National Action Plan is realized by the National Coordinator. Purpose of coordination of support is to provide financing higher professional training and practical assistance for the participants of the National Action Plan and as a result sustainability and efficiency of the Plan.

Purpose of coordination of the resources is to provide necessary needs during implementation of the measures established by the National Action Plan. Coordination of the resources (information, methodological, institutional, material, consultative, etc.) is carried out by the National Coordinator. The National Action Plan considers assembling relevant governmental and non-governmental resources as well as resources of the international organizations and other partners and obtaining necessary means out of these sources under common control of the National Coordinator.

Measures will be implemented for determination of donors and providing donor contribution in order to implement the National Action Plan. Areas where the donor contribution (technical, physical, financial, etc.) is likely to be used will be defined. The National Coordinator coordinates resources allocated by the government bodies and non-governmental organizations, international bodies and other partners and address to them for obtaining such kind of resources when necessary.

6. Cooperation and enlightenment in combating trafficking in human beings

Cooperation in combating trafficking in human beings

The National Action Plan considers use of practice of other countries, participation in international initiatives as well as cooperation with government bodies and non-governmental organizations, international organizations and other partners having experience in this field in combating trafficking in human beings.

Enlightenment in combating trafficking in human beings

Relevant measures will be continued in order to inform and enlighten the public about essence of trafficking in human beings, illegal migration and dangers arising from them. Enlightenment and informing the public are implemented by all the participants of the National Action Plan.

7. Financing the National Action Plan

The measures established by the National Action Plan are financed from the state budget and other sources not prohibited by the legislation. The government bodies submit their suggestions to the concerned authorities for the purpose of allocation of necessary financial resources for implementation of the National Action Plan every year while budget project is worked out.

**The Activity Plan regarding the implementation of the National Action Plan on Struggle Against Trafficking in Human Beings
(2009-2013)**

	Title of event	Purpose and expected results	Implementing body	Implementation period
1	Improvement of the legislation in the field of combating trafficking in human beings	a. Taking measures related to joining the Council of Europe Convention on the activity against trafficking in human beings		2009
b. Determination of necessary changes and amendments to the legislation on the basis of analysis and by considering the international practice for improvement of the legislation in the field of combating trafficking in human beings and establishment of the relevant working group for this purpose		2009		
c. Development of a draft law for establishment of criminal responsibility of legal entities concerning the crimes related to trafficking in human beings.		2009		
2	Application of the National Referral Mechanism regarding the victims of trafficking in human beings	a. Development and approval of rules regarding the National Guidance Mechanism for the victims of trafficking in human beings	Cabinet of Ministers, Ministry of Internal Affairs, corresponding governmental bodies	February 2009
b. Establishment of inter – authority commission for implementation of the National Guidance Mechanism related to the victims of trafficking in human beings			April 2009	
c. Implementation of the National Guidance Mechanism related to the victims of trafficking in human beings			2009 — 2013	
3	Strengthening prophylaxis of trafficking in human beings	a. Informing the victims and potential victims of trafficking in human beings about the danger that they may encounter with as well as protection measures, institutional, legal and other actions provided by the government against trafficking in human beings	Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, corresponding government bodies	Regularly
b. Involvement of non-governmental organizations which are going to work with and act in the environment where the victims			Regularly	

	are working, in awareness raising activities conducted for the purpose of prevention and organization of necessary trainings		
	c. Informing the public about the “Hot line” telephone service offering free of charge services to the victims and potential victims of trafficking in human beings		Regularly
	d. Organization of trainings for operators working in the “Hot line” telephone service		Regularly
	e. Development of the rules (indicators) for identification of victims of trafficking in human beings	Cabinet of Ministers, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of National Security, State Migration Service, State Border Service	2009
	f. Organization of trainings dedicated to the methods regarding the identification of victims of trafficking in human beings to the special police combating trafficking in human beings, employees of the authorities working in the field of migration and other corresponding government bodies.		Regularly
	g. Development and implementation of programs directed at elimination of social problems providing an opportunity for trafficking in human beings	Cabinet of Ministers, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of Population, concerned governmental bodies	2009 — 2013
	h. Taking measures for providing employment of potential victims of trafficking in human beings		Regularly
	i. Development and efficient use of social, legal, pedagogical and other activities package directed to identification and elimination of the reasons and cases caused child negligence	Ministry of Education, State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Internal Affairs, corresponding government bodies	2009 — 2013
	j. Taking measures for identification of children avoided study and their involvement in education		Regularly

		k. Organization of regular trainings for the representatives of tourism companies in the field of prevention of trafficking in human beings		2009 — 2013
		l. Development and implementation of special programs regarding preventive measures for child negligence and violation of rights in education institutions, orphanages, boarding schools, commissions on affairs and protection of rights of minors and other concerned authorities and structures		2009 — 2013
4	Improvement of activity of the safe shelters for the victims of trafficking in human beings	a. Taking additional measures for providing security and confidentiality of victims of trafficking in human beings in the safe shelters more effectively	Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Justice	2009
		b. Organization of trainings for police ensuring safety of shelter and employees of non-governmental organizations working there		Regularly
		c. Taking additional measures for improvement of rendering medical, psychological, legal and other assistance to the victims and suspected victims of trafficking in human beings in safe shelter.		2009 — 2010
5	Organizing assistance centers for the victims of trafficking in human beings	a. Giving explanations regarding institutional and legal procedures for protection of rights and interests of the victims, rendering medical, psychological and other necessary assistance to them as well as establishing assistance centers for the purpose of helping social rehabilitation of these persons, financing these centers and determining activity of these centers and rules of control over their activity	Cabinet of Ministers, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health	2009
		b. Providing anonymity of personality of the victims of trafficking in human beings in the assistance centers and hiding information from the law-enforcement authorities or other governmental bodies regarding them without their consent		Regularly
		c. Providing operation of the assistance centers in cooperation with non-governmental organizations		Regularly

6	Improvement of criminal prosecution against crimes related to trafficking in human beings	a. Identification and disclosure of crimes related to trafficking in human beings, identification of persons who worked out and committed these crimes, realization of pursuing crime as well as obtaining information from victims and suspected victims of such crimes	Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of National Security: recommended: Prosecutor General's Office, Bar Association	Regularly
		b. Organization of a training in the field of implementation of operational – investigative activities and pursuing crimes in order to increase efficiency of combating trafficking in human beings		Regularly
		c. Establishment of relations with international bodies and law-enforcement authorities of foreign countries for implementation of operational – investigative activities and pursuing crimes related to trafficking in human beings		Regularly
		d. Taking measures for the purpose of motivation of cooperation of the persons involved in disclosure of crimes related to trafficking in human beings with competent authorities and giving information that can be useful for investigation.		2009 — 2011
		e. Continuation of the trainings for employees of the special police authority combating trafficking in human beings		2009 — 2010
		f. Improvement in protection of witnesses and the persons cooperating with structures pursuing crimes in combating trafficking in human beings		2009 — 2010
		g. Involvement of advocates in trainings for protection of victims of trafficking in human beings in court and investigation		2009 — 2010
		h. Improvement of cooperation among the authorities pursuing crimes related to trafficking in human beings, providing efficient exchange of information and practice, organization of joint study of the problems emerged in the field of combating trafficking in human beings	Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of National Security, recommended: Prosecutor General's Office	2009 — 2013
		i. Organization of study of the issues related to pursuing crimes related to trafficking in human beings and new legislation		2009 — 2013

		adopted regarding this, study of the advanced international practice in this field, working out joint training programs for the concerned law – enforcement authorities regarding the investigation of crimes related to trafficking in human beings		
		j. Appointing properly trained employees who will act as coordinators for the purpose of providing mutual relations between the government bodies involved in combating trafficking in human beings and special police authority combating trafficking in human beings		March – April 2009
		k. Involvement of relevant employees on investigation and conviction of crimes related to trafficking in human beings in specialized trainings		2009 — 2013
7	Rehabilitation and reintegration of victims of trafficking in human beings	a. Preparation of suggestions on definition of exact functions of the bodies implementing the duties regarding the relations with the victims, assistance to the victims, providing their safety and rehabilitation	Cabinet of Ministers, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population, Ministry of Internal Affairs	2009
		b. Improvement of rules for implementation of social rehabilitation of victims		2009
		c. Step by step increase of amount of social benefit paid to the persons who affected from trafficking in human beings during reintegration period		2009 — 2013
		d. Motivation of entrepreneurs in order to provide employment of the persons affected from trafficking in human beings	Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population, Ministry of Economic Development	Regularly
		e. Implementation of programs and complex activities on rendering medical, as well as psychological assistance to the victims of trafficking in human beings	Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education	2009 — 2013
8	Improvement of assistance for	a. Determination of rules for placement of and keeping children in shelters	Cabinet of Ministers, State Committee for	2009

children who were victims of trafficking in human beings		Family, Women and Children Affairs, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Patronage and Guardianship Authorities, Commissions on Affairs and Protection of Rights of Minors	
	b. Immediately giving information regarding child victims of trafficking in human beings to the patronage and guardianship authority, the State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs and commissions on affairs and protection of rights of minors through the shelters and assistance centers		Regularly
	c. Taking measures in a way of identification of parents of the child victims of trafficking in human beings or determination of patronage or guardianship regarding them.		Regularly
	d. Development and implementation of special programs for social rehabilitation and reintegration of child victims of trafficking in human beings into society		2009 — 2013
	e. Taking measures for protection of rights and legal interests of child victims of trafficking in human beings in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Azerbaijan on “Rights of Children”, “Prophylaxis of Negligence and Violation of Rights of Minors”, UN Convention on the Rights of Children as well as other laws of the Republic of Azerbaijan and international agreements to which the Republic is party while providing assistance to such kind of children.		Regularly
	f. Creating opportunity for children placed in shelters to continue their study and get in touch and communicate with their families		Regularly

		(except the cases when parents are supposed to be cause to their children's becoming victims of trafficking in human beings)		
		g. Taking relevant measures for identification of sponsor of child victims of trafficking in human beings in the country of origin during repatriation of these children to the country which they belong and providing their safe repatriation		Regularly
9	Safe repatriation of victims of trafficking in human beings	a. Implementation of important measures in order to decrease the threat of becoming a victim of trafficking in human beings of victims of human trafficking desiring to leave the Republic of Azerbaijan to the recipient country.	Ministry of Internal Affairs, State Migration Service	Regularly
		b. Implementation of practical measures for expanding relations with the relevant governmental bodies of countries of origin in order to provide assistance in the process of repatriation		Regularly
		c. Taking measures for granting temporary residence permit to foreigners and stateless persons being victims of trafficking in human beings in order to live in the Republic of Azerbaijan in a way defined by the legislation		Regularly
		d. Improvement of cooperation between the Republic of Azerbaijan and authorities of the foreign countries combating trafficking in human beings where diplomatic representative offices and consulates of the Republic are existing	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Regularly
		e. Providing assistance for returning victims of trafficking in human beings to Azerbaijan and granting documents allowing them to return to the Republic of Azerbaijan in a short period of time through diplomatic representative offices and consulates of the Republic of Azerbaijan in foreign countries		Regularly
10	Coordination of support and resources regarding the National Action Plan	a. Improvement of coordination of activities and mutual cooperation of the National Action Plan participants	National Coordinator, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of National Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of	2009
		b. Increasing efficiency of information exchange among the participants of the National Action Plan		Regularly
		c. Coordinating resources allocated by the government bodies and non-governmental organizations, international bodies and		Regularly

		other international partners and addressing to them for obtaining such kind of resources	Justice, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Ministry of Youth and Sport, State Border Service, State Customs Committee, State Migration Service, State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs	
		d. Providing necessary needs during organization of activities defined by the National Action Plan		Regularly
		e. Provision of the National Action Plan with necessary financial resources, protection of its sustainability and efficiency, as well as providing higher professional training and practical support for the participants of the National Action Plan with the assistance of international partners		Regularly
		f. Defining areas where the donor contribution and rendered assistance are likely to be used for implementation of the National Action Plan		2009 — 2013
11	Implementation of public awareness activities	a. Informing the public about essence of trafficking in human beings, illegal migration and threats arising from them.	Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of National Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Transportation, State Committee for Family, Women and Children	Regularly
		b. Delivering purpose and essence of the National Action Plan to the public		Regularly
		c. Broadcasting social advertisements related to combating trafficking in human beings		Regularly
		d. Preparation and distribution of enlightening means regarding combating trafficking in human beings		Regularly
		e. Organization of trainings for relevant executive power bodies, mass media and non-governmental organizations for the purpose of increasing efficiency of enlightening measures		Regularly
		f. Organization of trainings and workshops in order to prevent trafficking in human beings within the country		Regularly
		g. Distribution of enlightening materials regarding combating trafficking in human beings in border and customs checkpoints, consulates of the main direction countries in the Republic of Azerbaijan, tourism companies and other concerned authorities		2009 — 2010

		h. Organization of trainings for prevention of trafficking in human beings in the companies mediating for employment in foreign countries	Affairs, State Border Service, State Customs Committee, State Migration Service, recommended: Prosecutor General's Office, Attorney on Human Rights (Ombudsman), municipalities, mass media	2009 — 2010
		i. Including courses directed at prophylaxis and prevention of trafficking in human beings in curriculum of the educational institutions and development of relevant educational programs		2009 — 2013
		j. Providing educational centers of the law-enforcement authorities with the relevant educational programs and training facilities		2009 — 2013
		k. Informing passengers about of the threats of trafficking in human beings through transport companies carrying out international transportations, owners or operators of transport facilities		Regularly
12	Cooperation with non - governmental organizations, international bodies and other partners experienced in implementation of the National Action Plan	a. Submission of the National Action Plan to international partners	Ministry of Internal Affairs, National Coordinator	February 2009
		b. Involvement of non-governmental organizations, international bodies and other partners in implementation of duties mentioned on the National Action Plan		Regularly
		c. Signing Memorandum of Understanding between non – governmental organizations working in the field of combating trafficking in human beings and special police authority combating trafficking in human beings		March – April 2009