



## **Order of the President of the Azerbaijan Republic**

### **«On approving the Comprehensive Action Plan on improving the environmental situation in the Azerbaijan Republic for 2006-2010»**

The Azerbaijan Republic is currently experiencing a period of economic development. Environment protection, living in a healthy natural environment and the use of natural resources in the interests of the people are the cornerstones of a comprehensive development concept which is based on extensive social and economic reforms.

The rapid development of the economy, including the expansion of the oil, gas and construction sectors over the past several years, are accompanied by an increase in the level of anthropogenic impacts on the environment. As a result, pollution of lands, water basins and the atmosphere in some regions exceeds permissible levels. At the same time, the reserves of drinking water have dwindled, forests shrunk and land eroded, while landslide and desertification processes have gained momentum. Cases of pollution on the Absheron Peninsula, the Kura-Araz lowland, Baku, Sumgayit, Ganja, Mingachevir and Ali-Bayramli and other such industrial centers with oil, oil products, chemical substances and domestic wastes have become much more frequent. The discharge of industrial and domestic effluents on adjacent areas has led to an increase in the number of artificial lakes and a significant expansion of the existing lakes on the Absheron Peninsula. As a result of such man-made impacts, forest areas have shrunk and there is a threat of bio-cenosis disappearance.

To prevent the adverse impact on the environment and improve the overall environmental situation in the country, a number of important measures have to be taken. These include measures towards treatment of effluents, reconstruction of the sewage system, re-cultivation of contaminated lands, forests and green belts established on a wide area, planting work stepped up and other important activities to improve the natural quality of water, air and land along the Caspian Sea, on the Absheron Peninsula and other parts of the country.

In order to eliminate the anthropogenic impact on the environment and carry out comprehensive measures to resolve the existing environmental problems, **I resolve:**

1. To approve the «Comprehensive Action Plan on improving the environmental situation in the Azerbaijan Republic for 2006-2010» (attached).
2. To instruct the Cabinet of Ministers of the Azerbaijan Republic to do the following:

2.1. To ensure that the measures envisaged under the Action Plan approved by paragraph 1 of the present Resolution are implemented and to determine funding sources;

2.2. To carry out supervisory and coordinating functions in the implementation of the measures envisaged under the Action Plan approved by paragraph 1 of the present Resolution;

2.3. To report to the President of the Azerbaijan Republic on progress in the implementation of the Action Plan approved by paragraph 1 of the present Resolution once every six months;

2.4. To resolve other issues pertaining to the present Resolution.

3. The present Resolution shall become effective from the date of publication.

*President of the Azerbaijan Republic*

*Ilham ALIYEV*

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Resolution No 1697 of the President  
of  
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September 2006*

## **Comprehensive Action Plan on improving the environmental situation in the Azerbaijan Republic for 2006-2010**

<b>Line №</b>	<b>Name of activity</b>	<b>Responsible bodies</b>	<b>Implementation period</b>
<b>1. Improving the environmental situation in the Baku Bay</b>			
<b>I stage</b>			

1.1	To prevent the discharge of fecal effluents by isolating the domestic sewage system from the storm sewage system	AzerSu Joint Stock Company, Baku City Executive Authority	2006 — 2008
1.2	To set up a local treatment facility capable of treating, in accordance with modern requirements, the effluents generated by major industrial facilities in the coastal zone of the bay (shipyards, oil refineries, etc.)	State Caspian Shipping Company, State Oil Company of the Azerbaijan Republic, Ministry of Defense, State Border Service, Baku City Executive Authority, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, AzerEnergy Joint Stock Company	2006 — 2009
1.3	To clear the Baku bay and beaches from sunken and semi-sunken ships, unserviceable metal and concrete structures and other large-size wastes	Ministry of Emergencies, State Caspian Shipping Company, State Oil Company of the Azerbaijan Republic, State Border Service, Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Economic Development, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Baku City Executive Authority	2006 — 2007
<b>II stage</b>			
1.4	To carry out reconstruction work meeting modern technical, technological and environmental requirements at quayside berths and piers of the Baku International Seaport and in the coastal zone of the bay	State Caspian Shipping Company, State Oil Company of the Azerbaijan Republic, Baku City Executive Authority, Ministry of Defense, State Border Service	2007 — 2008
1.5	To create a centralized system possessing sophisticated receiving stations capable of decontaminating the effluents generated by ships and collected from the sea surface	State Caspian Shipping Company, State Oil Company of the Azerbaijan Republic, Ministry of Defense, State Border Service, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences	2007 — 2008
1.6	To prepare and implement suggestions on relocating the enterprises operating in the coastal zone of the Baku bay and making a negative environmental impact	Cabinet of Ministers, Baku City Executive Authority, Ministry of Industry and Energy,	2007 — 2010

		Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, State Oil Company of the Azerbaijan Republic, State Caspian Shipping Company, Ministry of Defense, State Border Service, <i>State Committee for Property Affairs</i> , State Committee for Architecture and Town Planning, Ministry of Emergencies	
<b>2. Improving the environmental situation around the Bibi Heybat zone</b>			
<b>I stage</b>			
2.1	In order to improve the ecological situation in the Bibi Heybat zone, to dismantle the communication lines, engineering facilities and equipment, buildings on- and off-shore and to rehabilitate the area through re-cultivation activities	State Oil Company of the Azerbaijan Republic, State Committee for Architecture and Town Planning, Baku City Executive Authority, <i>State Committee for Property Affairs</i> , Ministry of Emergencies, AzerSu Joint Stock Company, AzerEnergy Joint Stock Company, <del>AzeriGas Closed Joint Stock Company</del> , Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Ministry of Internal Affairs	2006 — 2009
<b>II stage</b>			
2.2	To build a treatment facility in Bibi Heybat and to create a network of domestic sewage and storm sewage systems	AzerSu Joint Stock Company, Baku City Executive Authority, State Oil Company of the Azerbaijan Republic, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources	2007 — 2009
<b>3. Improving the environmental situation around the Heydar Aliyev International Airport</b>			
<b>I stage</b>			

3.1	To develop and implement a dendrological project on reconstruction of the road to the Heydar Aliyev International Airport	Baku City Executive Authority, Local Bodies of Executive Authority, local governments, AzerSu Joint Stock Company, State Oil Company of the Azerbaijan Republic, State Land and Mapping Committee, Azerbaijan Melioration and Water Economy Open Joint Stock Company	2006 — 2009
3.2	In order to improve the ecological situation around the airport, to conduct research and develop and implement an environmental project	Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Baku City Executive Authority, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, State Land and Mapping Committee, AzerSu Joint Stock Company, Azerbaijan Airlines State Concern, Ministry of Emergencies, AzerEnergy Joint Stock Company, Azerbaijan Melioration and Water Economy Open Joint Stock Company	2006 — 2008
<b>II stage</b>			
3.3	In order to ensure ecological security of the areas surrounding the airport, to remove the Sadarak and Bina shopping centers from the area and reconstitute the natural landscape	Baku City Executive Authority, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources	2007 — 2009
<b>4. Improving the environmental situation on the Absheron Peninsula</b>			
<b>I stage</b>			
4.1	To develop and implement a project on cleaning the Boyukshor Lake, amenity planting around the lake and creating a recreation zone for the population	State Oil Company of the Azerbaijan Republic, AzerSu Joint Stock Company, Baku City Executive Authority, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, State Committee for	2006 — 2010

		Architecture and Town Planning, Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Ministry of Health	
4.2	To prepare suggestions on repeated use of the water treated at the Hovsan aeration station and other treatment facilities in accordance with modern requirements	Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, AzerSu Joint Stock Company, Azerbaijan Melioration and Water Economy Open Joint Stock Company, Ministry of Health	2006 — 2007
4.3	To reconstruct the Zyxh mechanical treatment facility	AzerSu Joint Stock Company	2006 — 2008
4.4	To reconstruct the treatment facilities at Pirallahi, Chilov, Gum islands and Oil Rocks in accordance with modern requirements	State Oil Company of the Azerbaijan Republic, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources	2006 — 2007
4.5	To ensure transportation of solid domestic wastes generated in villages and settlements of the Absheron Peninsula and by seasonal recreation sites to disposal areas	Baku City Executive Authority, Sumgayit City Executive Authority, Absheron District Executive Authority, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources	2006 — 2007
4.6	To develop and implement a restoration program on eliminating unsanitary conditions on the premises of recreation centers in the Absheron Peninsula	Ministry of Health, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Baku City Executive Authority, Sumgayit City Executive Authority, Absheron District Executive Authority	2006 — 2007
4.7	To identify the location of areas of the Absheron Peninsula surrounding the activities of oil and gas production units which are subjected to oil pollution, flooding with produced water and other areas contaminated with industrial wastes and to prepare a large-scale ecological map (1:10,000) of the Absheron Peninsula	State Land and Mapping Committee, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, State Oil Company of the Azerbaijan Republic, Baku City Executive Authority, Local Bodies of Executive Authority	2006 — 2007
4.8	To ensure that drill cuttings, drilling mud and	State Oil Company of	2006 — 2010

	other hazardous wastes generated during drilling and repairing of wells are decontaminated at a hazardous wastes landfill	the Azerbaijan Republic, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources	
4.9	To prepare suggestions on using produced water in the production of iodine and bromide	Ministry of Industry and Energy, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, AzerKimya State Company, State Oil Company of the Azerbaijan Republic, Ministry of Economic Development, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Emergencies	2006 — 2007
4.10	To assess the impact of environmental pollution to public health and create a database	Ministry of Health, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, State Statistical Committee, Ministry of Industry and Energy	2006 — 2008
4.11	To build a waste processing plant for the disposal of solid domestic wastes generated in Baku, Sumgayit and suburban residential settlements	Cabinet of Ministers, Ministry of Economic Development, Baku City Executive Authority, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Ministry of Industry and Energy, Ministry of Emergencies	2006 — 2009
4.12	To decontaminate radioactive coal wastes generated in the process of iodine and bromide production in Surakhani district	Ministry of Emergencies, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, AzerKimya State Company, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences	2006 — 2008
4.13	To transport mercury-containing hazardous wastes generated in chlorine production at the Sumgayit surfactants plant to a hazardous wastes landfill and to decontaminate them	Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, AzerKimya State Company, Ministry of Emergencies, Ministry of Internal Affairs	2006 — 2009
4.14	To ensure that effluents generated by a residential settlement in the eastern slope of the Jeyranbatan water reservoir are connected to a new sewage collector	Absheron District Executive Authority, AzerSu Joint Stock Company, Ministry of	2006 — 2007

		Ecology and Natural Resources	
<b>II stage</b>			
4.15	To prepare suggestions on ways of identifying the sources of pollution of the Bulbula, Khojasan, Masazir, Gizilnohur and other natural and man-made lakes, regulating their level, setting up recreation zones around them or drying them	Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, State Oil Company of the Azerbaijan Republic AzerSu Joint Stock Company, Baku City Executive Authority, State Committee for Architecture and Town Planning, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Ministry of Emergencies, Ministry of Health	2006 — 2010
4.16	To reconstruct the Hovsan aeration station and to build a sub-sea outlet to prevent accidental discharge into the Caspian	AzerSu Joint Stock Company, Baku City Executive Authority, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources	2007 — 2009
4.17	To prevent any discharges and leaks from oil-wells, pipelines and offshore installations on Oil Rocks and other offshore facilities	State Oil Company of the Azerbaijan Republic, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources	2007 — 2009
4.18	In order to prevent any negative impact on adjacent territories and the discharge of oil-polluted waste water into the Caspian Sea, to convert the Hovsan open canal into a closed one and to build a treatment unit at the outlet	State Oil Company of the Azerbaijan Republic, AzerSu Joint Stock Company, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Baku City Executive Authority	2007 — 2009
4.19	In order to improve the ecological situation in oil-fields, to prepare and take measures to abandon wells with undetermined prospects	State Oil Company of the Azerbaijan Republic, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Ministry of Emergencies	2007 — 2009
4.20	To prepare suggestions on providing a qualitative and quantitative assessment of radioactive pollution on the Absheron Peninsula, drawing a map of polluted areas and improving the radiation and ecological situation	Ministry of Emergencies, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, State Oil	2007 — 2008



		Company of the Azerbaijan Republic, Ministry of Health	
4.21	In order to prevent leaks and swamping along the Absheron canal, to prepare a feasibility study of repairing the canal	Azerbaijan Melioration and Water Economy Open Joint Stock Company, Local Bodies of Executive Authority	2007 — 2008
4.22	To prepare a single landscaping and architectural plan outlining ways of improving the natural, climatic, sanitary, hygienic and health conditions, preventing the allocation of landscaped areas under construction and meeting the Master Plan of Baku	Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Baku City Executive Authority, State Committee for Architecture and Town Planning, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences	2006 — 2008
4.23	To build treatment facilities for the treatment of waste water generated in Baku, suburban settlements and villages and in the Absheron Peninsula, and to create a sewer network:	Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, AzerSu Joint Stock Company, Baku City Executive Authority	2006 — 2008
	including first of all:		
	Treatment of waste water generated in Turkan, Zira and Gala settlements of the Azizbayov district:		
	- installing a sewage network — 56 km		
	- building a 7,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day treatment facility.		
	Treatment of waste water generated in Bilgah settlement of Sabunchu district:		
	- installing a sewage network — 22.5 km		
	- building a 3,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day treatment facility.		
	Construction of a facility for the treatment of waste water generated in Novkhani — Mehdiabad — Mashtaga — Pirshagi (30,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day).		
	Construction of a facility for the treatment of waste water generated in Khojasan — Lokbatan (200,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day).		
	Treatment of waste water generated in Alat settlement:		
	- installing a sewage network — 15 km		
	- building a 3,500 m <sup>3</sup> /day treatment facility.		

	Treatment of waste water generated in Shikhlar settlement:		
	- installing a sewage network — 2 km		
	- building a 300 m <sup>3</sup> /day treatment facility.		
	Treatment of waste water generated in Gobustan settlement:		
	- installing a sewage network — 18 km		
	- building a 4,500 m <sup>3</sup> /day treatment facility.		
	Treatment of waste water generated in Sangachal settlement:		
	- installing a sewage network — 9.5 km		
	- building a 1,500 m <sup>3</sup> /day treatment facility.		
	Construction of a facility for the treatment of waste water generated in Mushvigabad settlement (2,500 m <sup>3</sup> /day).		
	Treatment of waste water generated in Pirakushkul settlement of Absheron District:		
	- installing a sewage network — 4.5 km		
4.24	To prevent the discharge of produced water onto areas adjacent to oil and gas production operations, to substantiate the use of historically formed ponds, to dry unnecessary ponds, to eliminate industrial and domestic waste landfills, to re-cultivate contaminated soils and to ensure their stage-by-stage rehabilitation them in accordance with the general landscaping and architectural plan: - 2,705 hectares (Garadagh district — 1,277 hectares, Binagadi district — 183 hectares, Sabunchu district — 410 hectares, Surakhani district — 533 hectares, <i>Khazar</i> district — 302 hectares)	State Oil Company of the Azerbaijan Republic, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Baku City Executive Authority, Local Bodies of Executive Authority	2006 — 2010
<b>5. Improving the environmental situation in other parts of the Azerbaijan Republic</b>			
<b>I stage</b>			
5.1	To prepare suggestions on assessing the recreation potential of the territories located in the Caspian coastal zone (including the Absheron Peninsula) and ways of using more effectively the health and natural treatment opportunities of the territories	Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Tourism and Culture, State Oil Company of the Azerbaijan Republic, Ministry of Ecology	2007 — 2008

		and Natural Resources, Baku City Executive Authority, Local Bodies of Executive Authority	
5.2	To prepare and implement suggestions on installing local treatment facilities for the treatment of sewage and waste water generated from resorts, medical, tourism and catering enterprises, beaches and individual residential settlements located in the Caspian coastal zone (including the Absheron Peninsula)	Ministry of Economic Development, AzerSu Joint Stock Company, Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Baku City Executive Authority, Local Bodies of Executive Authority, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Ministry of Health	2007 — 2009
5.3	To eliminate unlawful dumping grounds in residential settlements, to build landfills for solid domestic wastes and to arrange for sorting and transporting them	Baku City Executive Authority, Local Bodies of Executive Authority, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, local governments	2006 — 2008
5.4	In order to prevent atmospheric pollution with toxic wastes emitted from automobile vehicles, to strengthen control over technical condition of the vehicles, to bring the level of their emissions into line with European standards (Euro-3), to establish ecological control and metering stations, to organize decommissioning of unserviceable transport vehicles, to eliminate traffic jams using state of the art installations and equipment, to increase pedestrian zones in cities and to take other measures	Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, <i>SCSMP</i> , Ministry of Industry and Energy, State Oil Company of the Azerbaijan Republic, Local Bodies of Executive Authority	2006 — 2008
5.5	To complete forest structure and design work in order to identify prospective areas for the establishment of new forest areas and to reduce anthropogenic impacts on forestry	Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, State Land and Mapping Committee, Ministry of Agriculture, Local Bodies of Executive Authority	2006 — 2010
<b>II stage</b>			
5.6	To prevent the discharge of waste water from Sumgayit and adjacent residential settlements, to establish sewage systems in the territories in order to improve the sanitation and ecological situation	AzerSu Joint Stock Company, <i>SOCAR</i> , Sumgayit City Executive Authority, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Ecology	2007 — 2010

		and Natural Resources	
5.7	In order to ensure compliance of fuel, energy and heating supply systems and other industrial facilities in Baku, Nakhchivan, Ganja, Sumgayit, <i>Shirvan</i> , Mingachevir and other cities, to install treatment facilities and gas/dust traps in them	Ministry of Industry and Energy, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, State Oil Company of the Azerbaijan Republic, Ministry of Internal Affairs, AzerEnergy Joint Stock Company	2007 — 2009
5.8	To step up protection of trees and shrubs which are not part of the forest fund and to improve the system of their registration in order to identify measures of increasing amenity planting	Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Azerbaijan Melioration and Water Economy Open Joint Stock Company, Ministry of Transport, Local Bodies of Executive Authority	2007 — 2008
5.9	In order to prevent deforestation, to ensure charcoal supply to hospitals, schools and military units in non-gasified areas	Ministry of Economic Development, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Ministry of Defense	2007 — 2010
5.10	In order to improve the supply of clean water to district centers and villages, to prepare and implement suggestions on installing local water treatment units	Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, AzerSu Joint Stock Company, Azerbaijan Melioration and Water Economy Open Joint Stock Company	2006 — 2010
5.11	To make an inventory of, withdraw from circulation and destroy toxic, unserviceable and prohibited pesticides and chemical substances	Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health, Local Bodies of Executive Authority	2006 — 2009
5.12	To re-cultivate oil-contaminated areas in Siyazan, Neftchala, <i>Shirvan</i> , etc. and to embark on a step-by-step restoration of production sites	State Oil Company of the Azerbaijan Republic, Local Bodies of Executive Authority, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Ministry of Emergencies	2007 — 2010
5.13	To develop and implement a project on eliminating the environmental impact of alum stone cuttings generated by the Ganja	Ganja City Executive Authority	

	Aluminum plant and stored around the city		
<b>6. Activities aimed at solution of general ecological problems</b>			
<b>I stage</b>			
6.1	Establishment of the System of Open Hydrological Monitoring for accurate assessment of water resources, their pollution prevention and optimal control	MENR, OJSC MWE, MH, NASA, MES, JSC «Azerenerji»	2006 — 2008
6.2	Establishment of the Early Warning System to reduce the damage caused by dangerous hydrometeorological situations with regard to climate changes	MENR, NASA, MES	2006 — 2008
6.3	Strengthening of measures on environmental propagation and education, allocating more time for environmental education in schools and training of officers in this area	MENR, ME, CJSC RTB, NASA	2006 — 2010
6.4	Establishing the number of users of the subsoil and mineral resources extracted by them (except oil and gas) and, given these indices, the clarification of the yield of minerals in the State Balance of Minerals	MENR	2006 — 2007
<b>II stage</b>			
6.5	Establishment of enterprises for production of devices for cleaning air and water, measuring devices and equipment based on an existing mechanical engineering complex	MIE, MED, NASA	2006 — 2010
6.6	Organization of monitoring the level of pollution by harmful substances of air atmosphere in Baku (the establishment of an integrated system operating in automatic mode)	MENR	2006 — 2008
<b>7. Improvement of legislation</b>			
<b>I stage</b>			
7.1	<b>Development of draft legislation on introduction of the following changes and additions to the Code on administrative violations of the Azerbaijan Republic:</b>	MENR, NASA, MIA, MJ	2006 — 2007
	tightening of administrative penalties for administrative violations that are contrary to the rules of environmental safety;		
	establishment of new types of administrative penalties for violations of environmental safety;		
7.2	<b>Development of draft legislation on introduction of the following changes and additions to the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan «On Environmental Protection»:</b>	MENR, MED, MD, NASA, MIA, MIE, MJ	2006 — 2007

	environmental standards improvement;		
	environmental impact assessment;		
	monitoring of environment and natural resources;		
	establishment of environmental protection funds;		
	improvement of rights of use of natural resources;		
	tightening of the liability for the illegal use of natural resources;		
	strengthening of environmental supervision.		
7.3	<b>Development of draft legislation on introduction of the following changes and additions to the Forest Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan:</b>	MENR, NASA, MA, SCLC, MJ	2007 — 2008
	establishment of the forest fund;		
	inventory of tree-shrubbery plants, not included to the forest fund, their use and protection;		
	improvement of the rights to use forests;		
	forests planting and actions to restore the forests;		
	establishment of the principles for calculating the damage caused to forests.		
7.4	<b>Development of draft legislation on introduction of the following changes and additions to the Law of the Azerbaijan Republic «About the earth entrails»:</b>	MENR, NASA, SCLC, MJ	2006 — 2007
	improvement of the rules of granting the earth entrails for use;		
	improving the legal framework for the protection and restoration of earth stratum;		
	establishment of requirements against salinity.		
7.5	<b>Development of draft legislation on introduction of the following changes and additions to the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan «On specially protected natural territories and objects»:</b>	MENR, MH, NASA, MIE, MJ	2006 — 2007
	improvement of features of the regime of special protection;		
	zoning of protected natural areas;		
	determination of types of limited business activities permitted on specially protected natural areas		
	solution of issues of eco-tourism and recreation in the national park		

7.6	<b>Development of draft legislation on introduction of the following changes and additions to the Criminal Code of Azerbaijan Republic:</b>	MENR, NASA, MIA, MJ	2006 — 2007
	improvement of standards establishing the liability for environmental crime;		
	addition of new rules stipulating responsibility for a criminal acts in ecological sphere		
7.7	<b>Development of draft legislation on introduction of the following amendments and supplements to the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan «On protection of atmospheric air»:</b>	MENR, NASA, MIE, MJ	2007 — 2008
	ensuring of ozone layer protection;		
	setting environmental standards		
7.8	<b>Development of draft laws on introduction of the following changes and additions to the Water Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan:</b>	MENR, NASA, JSC «Azersu», OJSC MWE, MJ	2008 — 2009
	ensuring of freshwater sources protection;		
	improvement of environmental standards.		
7.9	<b>Development of the draft law of the Azerbaijan Republic «On protection of genetic resources»</b>	MENR, NASA, MA, MJ	2007 — 2008
<b>II stage</b>			
7.10	other normative-legal acts:	MENR, NASA, MJ, other respective public authorities	2006 — 2010
	bringing of existing tariffs in the sphere of environmental protection and use of natural resources and with regard to compensation of damages caused to nature into conformity with the current level of prices;		
	re-development of methodology for determining the amount of payment for damage caused to the environment;		
	development of new methodology for calculating rates of pollutants emitted into the air atmosphere;		
	development of methodology for environmental certification;		
	development of a common methodology for assessing the level of impact (toxicity) of hazardous substances used in water objects;		
	revision of the rules and regulations in the construction industry with a view of the rational use of energy, prevention of heat energy losses		
7.11	Preparation of the Ecological Code of	MENR, NASA, MIA,	2009 — 2010

## Acronyms:

CM	—	The Cabinet of Ministers of the Azerbaijan Republic
MENR	—	The Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Azerbaijan Republic
MES	—	The Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Azerbaijan
MA	—	The Ministry of Agriculture of the Azerbaijan Republic
MIE	—	The Ministry of Industry and Energy of the Azerbaijan Republic
MH	—	The Ministry of Health of the Azerbaijan Republic
MT	—	The Ministry of Transport of the Azerbaijan Republic
MCT	—	The Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Azerbaijan Republic
MED	—	The Ministry of Economic Development of the Azerbaijan Republic
MIA	—	The Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Azerbaijan Republic
MD	—	The Ministry of Defense of the Azerbaijan Republic
ME	—	The Ministry of Education of the Azerbaijan Republic
MJ	—	The Ministry of Justice of the Azerbaijan Republic
SCLC	—	The State Committee for Land and Cartography of the Azerbaijan Republic
SCPA	—	<i>The State Committee for Property Affairs of the Azerbaijan Republic</i>
SCCPA	—	The State Committee on City Planning and Architecture of the Azerbaijan Republic
SCS	—	The State Committee of Statistics of the Azerbaijan Republic
SOCAR	—	The State Oil Company of the Azerbaijan Republic
CSC	—	The Caspian Shipping Company of Azerbaijan
SBS	—	The State Border Service of the Azerbaijan Republic
PPO	—	Public Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Azerbaijan
SCSMP	—	<i>The State Committee on Standardization, Metrology and Patents of the Azerbaijan Republic</i>
NASA	—	The National Academy of Sciences of Azerbaijan
OJSC MWE	—	Open Joint Stock Company of Melioration and Water Economy of Azerbaijan
CJSC RTB	—	Close Joint-Stock Company of Azerbaijan Radio and TV Broadcasting
EAB	—	The Executive Authority of Baku
EAS	—	The Executive Authority of Sumgait
EAG	—	The Executive Authority of Gandja
EAAD	—	The Executive Authority of Absheron district
LEA	—	Local executive authority