## TO THE ATTENTION

## of citizens of the Republic of Azerbaijan leaving for temporary and permanent residence abroad

According to the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan "On State Policy on Azerbaijanis Living Abroad", the Republic of Azerbaijan guarantees the legal protection of Azerbaijanis who are its citizens and temporarily or permanently residing outside its territory and protects them. Citizens living abroad have the same rights and responsibilities as citizens of the Republic of Azerbaijan residing within the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

According to the aforementioned law, relevant government authorities, diplomatic representations and consulates of the Republic of Azerbaijan including their officials are required to take necessary measures to allow the citizens temporarily or permanently residing abroad to fully enjoy all of their rights granted in compliance with the international agreements that the Republic of Azerbaijan is a party to, legislation of the relevant foreign state and customary international law, to protect their legal rights and interests in a way envisaged by the legislation and take necessary measures to restore violated rights of the citizens of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

According to the Migration Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan, citizens of the Republic of Azerbaijan going to a foreign country for temporary or permanent residence are registered at the consulate of the Republic of Azerbaijan abroad. The citizens residing in the foreign countries (territories) where there is not any consulate of the Republic of Azerbaijan can provide information on their places of residence electronically to relevant executive authority (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan).

According to the Migration Code, when citizens of the Republic of Azerbaijan carry out paid labour activity in foreign countries, they should be registered at the diplomatic representation or consulate of the Republic of Azerbaijan in that country within 1 month after arrival in the country of destination and submit an official document on employment in the given country in order to ensure full provision of their rights by the state.

Registration of citizens of the Republic of Azerbaijan living abroad at consulates plays an important role in fully protection of the rights of its citizens by the Republic of Azerbaijan, establishment of contact with them in emergencies (natural disaster, terrorist acts, civil conflict, etc.) and communication with family members, and provision of consular services. Consular registration is an important factor for your safety, not being a victim of human trafficking, and protection of your rights.