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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations Office and other international organizations at Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honor to transmit herewith information prepared by the State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the implementation of Human Rights Council resolution 27/14 on preventable mortality and morbidity of children under 5 years of age as human rights concern.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations Office and other international organizations at Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

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1. During 2014, the State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan, in accordance with the "State Program on Children's Mandatory Dispenserization", has developed and published a number of booklets and posters under the "Mandatory Dispenserization of Children" title.

The print materials were disseminated across the country in order to raise the level of awareness and knowledge of population in health issues, alert them on important risk factors affecting the health condition of families and children.

Along with that the Committee has held on regular basis the public discussions, seminars and trainings devoted to various aspects of children health. During these meetings the Committee experts and invited specialists from the various national healthcare institutions explained the participants, using real examples and statistic data, the importance of children's mandatory dispenserization and necessary hygiene conditions for children's healthy growth and development. It was also pointed out that families must pay keen attention to development of good habits of children in order to protect them from the risks of HIV/AIDS, alcohol and drug addiction, other factors affecting the health condition.

2. The State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs in cooperation with the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Azerbaijan has designed and printed a number of memory cards and posters under the title "Parental care and Children's Safety". The objective was to alert the parents on ecologic, living and nutrition factors that may affect the children's health condition, and urge them to undertake necessary measures for eliminating existing negative influences or diminish their side effects. The print materials were disseminated via Baku Metropolitan, "Azerbaijan Airlines" CJSC, "Azerbaijan Railways" CJSC, Baku electric network OJSC, children medical institutions under Baku Head Health Office, the preschool educational institutions, electronic monitors of bus stops in Baku.

3. In accordance with the State Program "On Improvement of Mother and Child Health during 2014-2020", The State Committee for the Family, Women and Children Affairs is planning to develop a booklet on "Breastfeeding of children" that will be disseminated among young women via children medical institutions of Baku Head Health Office.

4. In order to raise the public awareness on reproductive health, healthy life style, harmful habits including drug, alcohol and cigarette addiction, HIV/AIDS as well as prevent young people from early and consanguineous marriages and draw their attention to premarital medical examination, the State Committee for Family,

Women and Children Affairs is conducting a number of country level projects. Among them “Healthy Family is a Guarantee of Healthy Future”, “Let’s Benefit from Experience of Older Generation”, “Healthy Family, Healthy Society, Strong State”, “Say No to Early Marriages and Protect Your Health”, “Our Unity is Our Strength”.

Besides, the Committee regularly prints and disseminates a variety of materials such as “Healthy lifestyle: Say **No** to cigarette, alcohol and drugs”, “Consanguineous Marriages and Its Complications”, “Say **No** to drugs”, “Reproductive Health”, “Premarital Medical Examinations”, which are appreciated by civil society, NGOs, municipalities and medical institutions.

5. The Child and Family Support Centers, operating under the State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs, have conducted, in accordance with their action plans, several trainings to people from their districts how to protect families and children from generally known risky factors and influences. Among the popular seminars one can mention “The Importance of Preventive Diagnostics and Early Intervention for Healthy Child Development”, “Understanding Disability”, “Foundation of Child Development” and others. These seminars allowed the Committee experts to contact and transfer the health related information and knowledge to more than 1500 people annually.

The Committee centers have also run training courses for children with special needs. During the trainings they basically applied “Portage” early intervention method to develop certain skills in children with disabilities.

The training courses were also organized for parents to teach them how to deal with children requiring specific care. All trainings were conducted in both private and group formats. Annually about 700 children participate at such kind of training courses.

The specialists from the Child and Family Support Centers are qualified to diagnose growth retardation of children with Denver II Screening Test. During the last 2 years, 52 children have passed through Denver II Screening Test.