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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and with reference to the letter of the Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing dated 7 September 2017, has the honour to transmit herewith the information of the relevant authorities of the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan in response to the request for contributions.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in 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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Information of the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Azerbaijan on thematic report for the 37th session of the Human Rights Council

According to the Article 7 of the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan on "Social Services" children who lost parents or are deprived of parental care, children with limited health capacity, neglected minors or children of minority age living in socially dangerous conditions, as well as persons with no independent living skills due to illness, disability or old-age and having no able-bodied relatives or legal representatives who can take care and provide assistance to them, persons with limited life activities due to contracting a disease of public health significance, victims of human trafficking, victims of domestic violence, persons without permanent home, persons who became homeless after leaving social service facilities where they had lived due to loss of parents or their deprivation of parental care and persons facing de-adaptation and social deprivation are categorized as persons with difficult living conditions. According to this law, they are admitted to specialized social services institutions where complex measures are taken to address the social problems of persons who belong to this category and to create opportunities for their participation in public life together with others. Here they are provided with accommodation and social services. At present, the following social service facilities under the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of the Population of the Republic of Azerbaijan operate to provide social protection of persons with difficult living conditions:

Social service institutions for children with limited health capacity of the State Social Protection Fund - Persons with limited life activity as a result of primary or illness/injury-related mental or physical disability, persons with disabilities who need social assistance and protection, children with limited health capacity who are not involved in education, parents, relatives, other legal representatives (guardians), as well as other persons upon consent of those persons are admitted to these institutions. The main purpose of these institutions is to provide children with adequate living conditions, appropriate service and care, engage the children in cultural and recreational activities, carry out their abilitation and rehabilitation.

Psycho-neurological social service facilities of the State Social Protection Fund - Persons over 18 with acute or chronic mental illness are admitted to these institutions. Here they are provided with appropriate services and care in accordance with the established schedule. Besides, they are provided with a living space equipped with necessary furniture and equipment, clothing, bedding sets and 3 times meal daily according to nutritional standards. Measures are taken to ensure the abilitation and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities and the protection of their rights and interests.

Social service facility for retired persons of the State Social Protection Fund – retired persons with no independent living skills who do not have able-bodied relatives or legal representatives to take care of them are admitted to these facilities where they are provided with a living space, equipped with the necessary furniture and equipment,

clothing, bedding sets based on the established norms and duration of maintenance, food is provided 3 times a day according to nutritional standards. Appropriate measures for the social rehabilitation of the elderly are taken and they are provided with social services of all types. Relevant steps have been taken to ensure better quality of medical and social services to the elderly in line with advanced international practice, appropriate facilities, libraries and sport halls have been established to organize their leisure time. Elderly people without any restriction use household appliances, radio and television, musical instruments, books and table games. People who need medical treatment are sent to medical examination and placed in stationary treatment facilities.

"Graduate House" Social Enterprise of the State Social Protection Fund for people who are released from state-run orphanages and are deprived of parental care – These apartment buildings are intended for young people who are finished state-run children institutions, lost both parents and are deprived of parental care. At present, 10 thousand children who lost their parents or are deprived of parental care live under state protection in the state-run institutions. However, the leavers who were released from those facilities before 2015 had a number of problems in terms of finding place of living. For this purpose, in 2015-2017, three buildings with 125 apartments in each were built and commissioned for the young people from this category. Graduates are provided with living space, necessary home appliances, inventory and communal services. In case of marriage of the residents their family members (husband/wife, children) may move in. The utility costs of the graduates and their families are covered by the enterprise during the first 6 (six) months of their accommodation, utility costs of persons under 23 years who study full-time at the state, municipal and private educational institutions are covered by the enterprise during the period of their study.

Social Adaptation Center for persons released from penal service at detention facilities under the State Social Protection Fund – This stationary social service facility provides social adaptation, protection of rights and freedoms and legal interests of the persons released from prison service at the detention facilities and who have no permanent residence, providing food and accommodation, legal, social-psychological, social-advisory assistance and social services in order to prevent new crimes that may be committed by these individuals.

Social asylum for persons over the age of 18 under State Social Protection Fund – is a social service institution for persons over the age of 18 without a certain place of residence and they are provided with social and legal services. The primary task of this institution is to conduct social rehabilitation in a shelter for persons over the age of 18 for a period specified in the legislation in order to organize their life, to provide them social and legal services, primary health care services, medical advice and to ensure that those in need are accommodated in the treatment-and-prophylactic facilities during this period.

Social Asylum and Rehabilitation Center under State Social Protection for orphans and socially disadvantaged and neglected minors – This center is semi-stationary and stationary social service institution which provides temporary accommodation, social rehabilitation for neglected minors, orphans and socially disadvantaged and who need help.

Rehabilitation Center for visually impaired minors under State Social Protection Fund - This center is semi-stationary and stationary social service institution which provides social rehabilitation and abilitation for visually impaired persons of 14-18 years

of age regardless of ethnicity, religion, language, sex or origin and provide their accommodation during this period.

Vocational Rehabilitation Center under the State Social Protection Fund for the young people with limited health capacity – is a social service facility providing vocational rehabilitation, accommodation, social, medico-social services during this period for the 15-29 aged persons with disability or limited health capacity having physical and mild mental disorders.

In accordance with the decree # 569 signed by the President of Azerbaijan on June 20, 2014 on "Additional measures to improve the social and living conditions of martyrs' families and those who have become disabled for the territorial integrity, sovereignty and constitutional order of the Republic of Azerbaijan" persons in need of improved housing conditions registered as such with local bodies of executive power as of January 1, 2014 will be provided with apartments or single-family houses by the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population on a phased basis.