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Dear Colleague,

At the kind invitation of the Government of Azerbaijan, the **18th (ordinary) session of UNESCO's International Bioethics Committee (IBC)** will take place in Baku, from 31 May to 2 June 2011. The working languages of the meeting will be English and French. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in these two languages, as well as in Russian.

I am pleased to invite your Organization to take part, as an observer, in the meeting. Annexed herewith, you will find the agenda for the session, together with a general information leaflet of a practical nature and a registration form. The detailed programme and all other relevant documents will be available on the UNESCO website (www.unesco.org/bioethics) prior to the meeting.

If, as I hope, your Organization is able to accept this invitation, I should be most grateful if you would communicate the name and title of the designated representative(s), **preferably before 20 May 2011**, to Ms Sabina Colombo, Programme Specialist in the Bioethics Section of the Division of Ethics of Science and Technology in the Social and Human Sciences Sector (1, rue Miollis, 75732 Paris Cedex 15; tel: 33 1 45 68 38 03; fax: 33 1 45 68 55 15; e-mail: ibc@unesco.org).

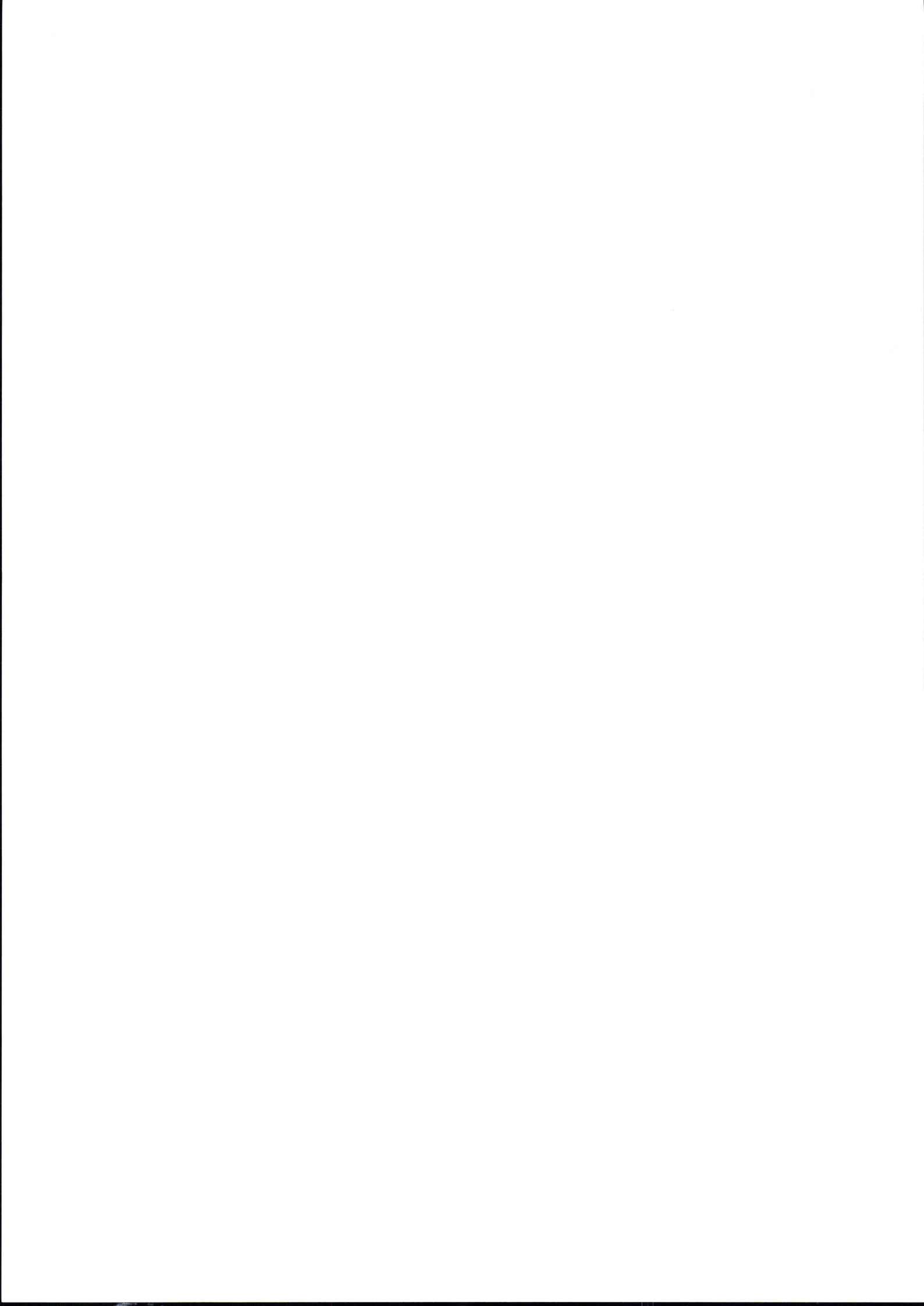
As is customary, the travel and subsistence expenses of observers will be borne by the Organization they represent.

I would kindly ask that all correspondence concerning these meetings as well as any request for further information equally be addressed to the Division of Ethics of Science and Technology, as indicated above.

Cordially,

Yours sincerely,

Irina Bokova





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International Bioethics
Committee (IBC)

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**EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL BIOETHICS COMMITTEE OF UNESCO (IBC)**

Baku, Azerbaijan, 31 May - 2 June 2011

Agenda

1. Opening of the Eighteenth Session of IBC;
2. Principle of respect for human vulnerability and personal integrity: Draft report of IBC;
3. Human cloning and international governance: Draft report of IBC;
4. Ethical implications of traditional medicine: Hearings of tradipractitioners;
5. Bioethics in Eastern Europe: Experiences, perspectives and new ethical challenges;
6. Progress report on UNESCO bioethics programme;
7. Brainstorming on the work programme of IBC for 2011-2012;
8. Election of the Chairperson, four Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur^(*);
9. Conclusions and closure of the Eighteenth Session of IBC.

* Item 8 will be dealt with during meetings reserved for the members of IBC.





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International Bioethics
Committee (IBC)

Eighteenth Session of the International Bioethics Committee

31 May / 2 June 2011
Baku, Azerbaijan

General Information

*Organized in cooperation with
the Government of Azerbaijan and the National Academy of Sciences*

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Tuesday 31 May 2011

Morning

- Registration of participants
- Opening ceremony
- Principle of respect for human vulnerability and personal integrity: Draft report of IBC

Afternoon

- Ethical implications of traditional medicine: Hearings of traditional health practitioners

Wednesday 1st June 2011

Morning

- Progress report on UNESCO bioethics programme
- Bioethics in Eastern Europe: Experiences, perspectives and new ethical challenges
 - Bioethical debate and public awareness: bioethical challenges for the region
 - Legislative measures in Eastern Europe: which implementation for the UNESCO Declarations in the field of bioethics?
 - Bioethics education: experiences in Eastern Europe
 - National bioethics committees in Eastern Europe: establishment and networking

Afternoon

- Bioethics in Eastern Europe: Experiences, perspectives and new ethical challenges (continuation)

Thursday 2 June 2011

Morning

- Human Cloning and International Governance: Draft Report of IBC

Afternoon

- Work programme of IBC for 2012-2013
- Conclusions and closure of the Eighteenth Session of IBC

Friday 3 June 2011

- Cultural visit organized by the Host Country

DATE AND VENUE

- **Date:** 31 May to 2 June 2011
- **Venue:** (to be confirmed)
Baku Business Centre
44, Neftchilar avenue
AZ1000
Baku
Azerbaijan
- Up until **26 May 2011**, all correspondence and enquiries, except those concerning hotel reservations (see Section entitled Accommodation), should be addressed to:

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The Secretariat of UNESCO will be present at the venue of the meeting **from 29 May to 3 June 2011 inclusive**. As of **27 May 2011**, correspondence, including personal mail, should be addressed to:

IBC Secretariat
Telephone at the Hotel: + 994 12 490 60 00
Fax at the Hotel: + 994 12 496 89 00
E-mail: ibc@unesco.org

REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS AND RECEPTION SERVICE

- In order to participate in the session, please return the enclosed registration form, duly completed, to the UNESCO Secretariat **most preferably before 20 May 2010**.
- Participants are also requested to register at the IBC Conference Desk at the Baku Business Centre prior to the meeting: **Tuesday 31 May 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.** The Conference Desk will be open during working hours (see below).
- Upon registration, participants will receive a complete set of documents, a name badge and any other relevant documentation. They are invited to wear their badges throughout the duration of the meeting to facilitate identification and contacts with other participants and members of the Secretariat.

WORKING HOURS

- The opening ceremony will take place on **31 May 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** Participants are requested to be seated by **9:45 a.m. at the latest**.
- Working hours will normally be the following: **10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** Participants will be notified of any change in this schedule.

WORKING LANGUAGES

- The working languages of the Session will be English and French. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in these working languages as well as in Russian and Azerbaijani.

WORKING DOCUMENTS

- As far as possible, the working documents will be available in English and French before the meeting on the Internet at the following address: www.unesco.org/bioethics. All other documents will be distributed at the time of registration and will be available in the working languages of the Session (English and French).
- In accordance with the Rules of IBC, the Secretariat alone is authorized to distribute documents during the Session.
- Participants are reminded that the Secretariat will not be able to type, translate or reproduce documents other than those that have a direct bearing on the session of IBC. If participants wish to have their intervention made available in printed form, they are kindly requested to bring sufficient typed copies with them. A special desk for this purpose will be available in front of the meeting room.

ON-SITE FACILITIES

- Bank and cash machines can be found at the Baku Business Centre and its vicinity. For participants staying at other hotels, it is advised to make money transactions only at hotels or nearby located banks and cash machines.
- A variety of restaurants can be found in the surroundings of the Baku Business Centre.
- Free internet services will be available at the meeting venue. Internet service in the hotel rooms will be available at the user's expense.
- Fax and telephone services will be available at the user's expense.

ENTRY FORMALITIES FOR AZERBAIJAN

- A valid passport, with a visa if necessary, is required for entry into Azerbaijan. For information on this subject, participants are requested to contact the nearest Embassy or Consulate of Azerbaijan and, if needed, **apply for entry visas well in advance**.
- Participants can also consult the Internet site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan (www.mfa.gov.az).

ARRIVAL AT HEYDAR ALIYEV INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

- The airport is situated about 25 km from the centre of Baku.
- A reception service ("UNESCO-IBC" desk) will be organized at the airport from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday 29 May and Monday 30 May to provide information and assistance regarding transport to hotels. Participants are therefore invited to refer to this "UNESCO-IBC" desk upon arrival. Shuttle buses could be organized from the airport to the hotels and back (to be confirmed).

CURRENCY AND EXCHANGE

- The national currency is the Manat. US dollars, Euros, credit cards (Visa, American Express and MasterCard) are accepted in the major hotels, restaurants and banks. Foreign currency can be exchanged at hotels, bureaux de change and banks (open from Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). A network of ATM machines is also available.
- The official average for the exchange rate in April 2011 was:

American Dollar (1 US\$)	0.79 manat
Euro (1€)	1.12 manat

(These rates are subject to fluctuation and may be modified without prior warning.)

- Participants are advised to consult the Internet address of the International Bank of Azerbaijan: www.ibar.az.

CLIMATE AND CLOTHING

- The weather in Baku in May-June is generally pleasantly warm and average temperatures are 20°C to 25°C during the day and 15°C to 20°C at night.
- Suggested dress for all social functions: informal.

ACCOMMODATION

- On the next page is a selection of hotels in Baku. Prices are quoted in Manat and fluctuations are possible. Participants wishing to reserve accommodation at one of these hotels and benefit from the preferential rate indicated, are requested to contact directly:

Mr Sardar Huseynov
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- Under no condition can the IBC Secretariat be responsible for hotel reservations.

ELECTRICITY

- Electricity is supplied at 220V/50 Hz. Outlets are the European standard CEE-7/7 "Schukostecker" or "Schuko" or the compatible, but non-grounded, CEE-7/16 "Europlug" types. Due to irregularities in the electricity supply, it could be advisable to use an automated voltage adapter.

TRANSPORT

- The hotels listed are within the vicinity of the meeting venue.
- Transport, if required, will be provided for official functions and/or cultural events that may be organized on the occasion of the Session.

HOTEL	CATEGORY	DAILY RATE	DISTANCES
Excelsior Hotel Tel.: + 994 12 496 80 00 Fax: + 994 12 496 80 08 E-mail: info@excelsiorhotelbaku.az Website: www.excelsiorhotel.baku.az	*****	From 212 AZN (breakfast, VAT 18 % and municipal taxes included)	From airport 20 min., to the center 10 min.
Hyatt Regency Tel.: + 994 12 496 12 34 Fax: + 994 12 496 12 35 E-mail: baku.hotels@hyatt.com Website: www.baku.regency.hyatt.com	*****	From 222 AZN (breakfast, VAT 18 % and municipal taxes included)	From airport 30 min., to the center 15 min.
Park Hyatt Tel.: + 994 12 495 12 34 Fax: + 994 12 495 12 35 E-mail: baku.hotels@hyatt.com Website: www.baku.park.hyatt.com	*****	From 277 AZN (breakfast, VAT 18 % and municipal taxes included)	From airport 30 min., to the center 15 min.
Qafqaz point Tel.: + 994 12 510 78 78 Fax: + 994 12 537 08 02 E-mail: info@qafqazpointhotel.com Website: www.qafqazpointhotel.com	*****	From 140 AZN (breakfast, VAT 18 % and municipal taxes included)	From airport 30 min., to the center 15 min.
Park Inn Tel.: + 994 12 490 60 00 Fax: + 994 12 496 89 00 E-mail: reservations.baku@rezidorparkinn.com Website: www.baku.rezidorparkinn.com	****	From 190 AZN (breakfast, VAT 18 % and municipal taxes included)	From airport 25 min., to the center 10 min.
The Crown Hotel Tel.: + 994 12 491 02 27 Fax: + 994 12 491 02 28 E-mail: sales@crownhotelbaku.com Website: www.crownhotelbaku.com	****	From 140 AZN (breakfast, VAT 18 % and municipal taxes included)	From airport 25 min., to the center 10 min.
Atropat Hotel Tel.: + 994 12 497 89 50 Fax: + 994 12 497 89 51 E-mail: info@atropathotel.com Website: www.atropathotel.com	***	From 160 AZN (breakfast, VAT 18 % and municipal taxes included)	From airport 25 min. Hotel in heart of Baku
Old City Inn Tel.: + 994 12 497 43 69 Fax: + 994 12 497 01 55 E-mail: office@oldcityinn.com Website: www.oldcityinn.com	***	From 80 AZN (breakfast, VAT 18 % and municipal taxes included)	From airport 25 min. Hotel in heart of Baku



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Flight N°:		
Date and time of arrival:		
Hotel where you will be staying in Azerbaijan:		

Documentation :

English French

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