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**UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme**

**Progress Report**

**Period of activity: 2007-2008**

**UNESCO Chair on Human Rights, Democracy and Peace**

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**I. Activities**

**1. Academic activities:**

- The courses initiated by the Chair continue to be taught in the Academy.
- The Circle “ *Democracy and Human Rights*” was organized by means of support of “*The State Program on Protection of Human Rights*” approved by the decree of the President of Azerbaijan Republic on December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006 and according to the initiative of Chair and the order of the rector of the Academy of Public Administration S. Gandilov on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007. This Circle is created with the aim of profound and high-grade studying of human and citizen’s rights and freedom by students, carrying out research works, familiarizing to practical knowledge and in general strengthening enlightenment works in this area. During 2007-2008, 7 sessions of circle were organised and the discussions were hold on about different themes: “*The problems of applying the standards of international law in judiciary practice*”, “*The right to a freedom of confession*”, “*Trafficking and methods of struggle with it*”, “*Drug abuse and methods of struggle with it*”, “*Death penalty or lifelong imprisonment*”, “*The right to education*”, and “*Violence in a family*”.
- During 01.05.08-01.08.08 the students, working in the center, has been sent to practice at “The Department of Milli Medzhlis on Human Rights” and the court of Nizami district, Baku city.

**2. Conferences/Congresses/Meetings:**

- Sociological interrogation on a problem of household violence has been lead among all pupils of Academy on November 22nd, 2007. By a principle of voluntary

participation 7 students of Academy have been involved in carrying out the sociological interrogation.

- During the given sociological research on representation of the Chair from December, 14th, 2007 within the limits of public discussion in all faculties of Academy have been delivered a bill “*On prevention of household violence*”, prepared by the State Committee on Problems of Family, Women and Children.
- Round table discussion devoted to the profession holiday of civil servants on the topic of “*Civil service reforms and good governance*” was held on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007. The round table was organized by UNESCO Chair on Human Rights, Democracy and Peace of the Academy of Public Administration in cooperation with Civil Service Commission under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the UN Department of Public Information.
- Chair participated in the meeting of international heads and experts of UNESCO Chairs on Human Rights in Europe devoted to 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Prof. A. Abdullayev, 1<sup>st</sup> pro-rector of the Academy of Public Administration, represented the Chair at the meeting.
- Mr. J. Hajiyevev participated at the 6<sup>th</sup> Baku International Conference of Ombudsmen devoted to the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of acceptance of UN Human Rights and “18<sup>th</sup> of June-Day of Human Rights in Azerbaijan” on the topic of “*Human rights in the Globalizing world*” on June 18-19<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

### **3. Cooperation:**

**At national level** - the Chair has established contacts with NGO on human rights and democracy, functioning in Azerbaijan; the Chair maintains close relationships with National Commission for UNESCO in Azerbaijan and UN office in Azerbaijan.

**At international level** – the Chair has established contacts with Chairs in Russian Federation, in Georgia, in Lithuania and in Bulgaria.

## **II. Outcomes**

The Chair promotes an integrated interdisciplinary system of research, training and information in the field of human rights, democracy and peace based upon regional and international collaboration.

### **III. Forthcoming activities**

- The organization of the conference devoted to 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of acceptance of the General Declaration of Human Rights.
- Organization of trainings and seminars in a number of general educational establishments in connection with 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of acceptance of the General Declaration of Human Rights.
- Creation of " Law Clinic" under human rights
- Development of independent Internet site of the Chair
- The organization of trainings in connection with accepted within the limits of administrative reforms of the Law "About administrative procedure" as the mechanism of administratively-legal protection of human rights in regions, and other actions.