



## **Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan**

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*on the International Day of Family*

Mr. Chairperson,

The Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan joins other Delegations in marking the International Day of Family on May 15.

This Day has been celebrated by Azerbaijan since 2006 in pursuing relevant UN General Assembly resolution. The Azerbaijani society highly values the institute of family, as well as has a longstanding tradition of respect for women and protection of children. These cornerstone principles are among the central elements of the policy of the Government of Azerbaijan in this area.

This year the State Committee for Family, Women and Child Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan has conducted a series of events in various cities and regions of the country aimed at protection and promotion of national moral values, awareness-raising on family traditions among youth and advocacy of a healthy lifestyle.

The Government also provides a number of incentives to protect family. Special attention is paid to such issues as family values, respect for elderly, childcare, and socialization and family problems.

In conclusion, we call on all OSCE participating States to accord the widest possible protection and assistance to the family institute, as to a basic unit of society protecting national and cultural values and traditions.

Thank you Mr. Chairperson.