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Establishment of Integrated Border Management Model at the Southern Borders of Azerbaijan

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**GENERAL PROJECT OVERVIEW
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PROJECT OVERVIEW

1. Project Description

1.1. The project has been designed as a pilot project with the aim to establish an Integrated Border Management (IBM) model at the Southern Borders of Azerbaijan, but already with the ultimate goal that this new border management concept will be replicated and extended to all other borders of Azerbaijan in the future.

The IBM project shall promote active intra-service and inter-agency cooperation amongst Azerbaijani state agencies involved in border management, at both, the national and the regional level – the latter in particular on the Bilasuvar Border Crossing Point (BCP). It will focus also on the facilitation of the legal flows of persons and goods across the borders by improved border procedures, but also on the enhancement of the national capabilities to tackle more effectively the phenomenon of cross-border criminality, like illegal migration and human trafficking, smuggling of narcotics, proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction, as well as international terrorism.

1.2. The project is funded by the EC with approx. 2,200,000 Euro

1.3. Project duration: originally planned for 2 years, started on 08th June 2006 (extension to a total of 30 month has been granted)

1.4. Implementation arrangements:

The project is implemented by IOM, with the State Border Service (SBS), the State Customs Committee (SCC) and other state authorities involved in border management as principal national partners.

2. Project Activities

2.1. Improved intra-service and inter-agency cooperation:

- Strengthening the new established State Migration Service (SMS)
- Definition of border management competencies and review BCP border procedures
- Promote *joint search activities* by SBS and Customs officers at Bilasuvar BCP

2.2. Improvement of the border management infrastructure at the border sector of Bilasuvar

BCP and 2 Border Posts:

- Provision of equipment
 - o for detection of fraudulent documents
 - o for green border surveillance
 - o for *joint search activities* at Bilasuvar BCP, targeting on narcotics, contraband, explosives, radioactive substances, etc.
 - o for enhancing the IT/telephone network and radio communication

2.3. Capacity building in the field of data collection, risk analysis and share of information:

- Establishment of a *Data Analysis Centre* in the SBS Headquarters
- Establishment of a central *Forensic Examination Centre* for the identification of fraudulent documents based in Baku
- Strengthening the Regional Detachment and its subordinated units by upgrading their *Command and Control* facilities

2.4. Establishment of a Border Guard Training School (BGTS) for SBS:

- Refurbishment and provision of training equipment for the BGTS
- Updating the core curriculum for border guards training programme
- Training of BGTS trainer staff in Azerbaijan and abroad by international experts
- Setting up a library of technical literature on border management
- 91 new recruited SBS officers attended 3-months basic migration management training courses, incl. training on Integrated Border Management, Schengen Agreement and Regulation, as well as identification of fraudulent documents

2.5. Technical assistance by reviewing legal and regulatory framework, as well as organisational structures for the implementation of an Integrated Border Management concept:

- Assessment of the Migration Structures in Azerbaijan
- Assistance to Azerbaijani state authorities to develop their national border management strategy

2.6. Training activities in order to deepen the understanding of the Integrated Border Management concept and to guarantee the sustainability of the project:

- Specialized training for SBS and SCC staff by international experts
- Study visits to EU Member States with EU/Schengen external borders
- Seminars and workshops on various IBM topics (i.e. Frontex, CIRAM, IBM, HR and Financial Resource Management, etc.)

3. Project achievements up to date

3.1. Establishment of the new *State Migration Service*

- Following the recommendations of the IOM Assessment of the Migration Management in the Republic of Azerbaijan in November 2006
- Established by a Presidential Decree in March 2007
- Basic and advanced training courses in migration management for SMS staff

3.2. Establishment of the new Border Guards Training School BGTS

- 2 Lecture rooms - equipped with multimedia system
- 2 Computer training rooms, 2 language laboratories, 1 conference room
- Library
- *Border Checkpoint Simulator*

3.3. Establishment of a first and second document control line at selected BCPs

- Specialized equipment for the inspection of travel documents at Bilasuvar and Astara BCP, as well as the International Airport in Baku
- One-week training by international experts on identifying fraudulent documents:
 - 15 SBS controllers from all main BCPs in Azerbaijan trained

3.4. Joint training in *Risk Profiling and Drug Search*

- One-week training seminar:
 - 15 participants from SBS, Customs and State Migration Service trained
- Theoretical training in risk profiling/tactical profiling, drug identification and use of information and intelligence for risk management

3.5. Updating the core curriculum for the BGTS training programme

- Assessment by experts from the Polish Border Guards/Ketrzyn Training Centre
- Mutual Cooperation between BGTS Azerbaijan and Polish Border Guards Training Centre:
 - o updated training core curriculum available
 - o Study visit to Ketrzyn/Border Guards Training Centre
 - o One week training in Poland on new training methods and enhancement of teaching skills

3.6. Joint training on *Integrated Border Management and Mobile Controls*

- one-week joint IBM training: 14 participants – SBS and Customs officers
- Study visit to Austria and the border area with Slovakia/Hungary

- Four regional training seminars on Green Border Surveillance/Joint Checks at BCP conducted by experts from the Polish Border Guards for in total 32 SBS and Customs officers.
- Specialized equipment for vehicle search (Video-endoscopes, flexible endoscope – for SBS and Customs)
- Specialized workshop on blue border management and Special Response Teams (SWAT) by Polish Border Guards

3.7. Upgrade Command and Control system of the SBS at regional level

- Modern stationary and mobile radio communication equipment to SBS border units
- IT equipment for regional SBS detachment and commandant offices (computers, printers, fax/copier/scanners)
- 4 Automatic Telephone and IP Data Network Systems installed at the Bilasuvar Regional Detachment/ Command Office, and BCP Bilasuvar, enhancing telephone communication and data exchange via fixed line

3.8. Establishment of the Data Analysis Centre

- 10 Workstations installed in the SBS HQ
- Internal network with 2 independent server stations provide connection to SBS/Police data bases and secured access to Internet

3.9. Establishment of a central Forensic Examination Centre in Baku

- Video spectral comparator
- Forensic microscope + imaging software
- Four national document experts trained as trainer-trainers

3.10. Enhance mobile response capacity at the green borders

- Five all-terrain vehicles (4-wheel motorcycles) for green border surveillance
- Observation equipment for SBS units at the green border in the pilot area

3.11. Establishment of a regional Customs Laboratory at Bilasuvar BCP for the identification of illegal substances and narcotics

- 1 GC-2010 AF Gas Chromatograph, incl. FID
- 1 GCMS-QP 2010 Gas Chromatograph / Mass Spectrometer

3.12. Technical assistance by reviewing legal and regulatory framework

- Elaboration of a comprehensive Gap Analysis of the border related legislation