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On February 7, 2002 the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan began to execute “National Information Communication Technology Strategy (NICTS) for development and its initial implementation” Project joint with UNDP. Within the framework of this project we prepared National Strategy which declared the strategic purpose of our state: ***to build Information Society in the Republic of Azerbaijan within 10 years.***

The delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan participated in the Bucharest Pan-European Conference in preparation of the World Summit on the Information Society.

The Republic of Azerbaijan completely supports the Bucharest Declaration ***“Towards an Information Society: Principles, Strategy and Priorities for Action”*** (9 November 2002).

We will apply the principles and priorities of the Bucharest Declaration in the process of building of Information Society in our country.

We are ready to join the process of preparation of the World Summit on the Information Society and take active part in all preparatory international and regional forums.

For the assistance to all participants of the process of Information Society building, it is advisable to pay attention to the solution of ***organizational issues*** along with preparation of political documents. Taking into account positive experience of international cooperation of the world states in the process of solution of the global problem Y2K, we consider expedient to think over the ***issues of monitoring of world process towards Information Society***. In this connection we consider advisable to create ***World and Regional Centers of Monitoring and Experience Exchange with use of all UN official languages***. For provision of efficiency and simplicity of assessment it is necessary ***to develop minimum set of indicators characterizing movement of the countries towards the Information Society on the basis of consensus.***

National Strategy of the Republic of Azerbaijan sets a task to become ICT-leader at the South Caucasus and Trans Caspian Space. We are ready to create in our country ***the Regional Center of Monitoring and Experience Exchange for the countries of the South Caucasus and Trans Caspian Region.***

***Regards,  
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