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Mr. Robert Menard**

In connection with the information request you addressed to the Ministry of Communications and Information Technologies, we note that in accordance with article 7.3.4 of the Activity plan of the Electronic Azerbaijan State Program and Azerbaijan's signing on to the European Council's "Convention on Cyber-crime," the creation of a National Center for Electronic Security (AZ-CERT) is envisaged, and at present the international experience in this area is being studied. For your information, we note that in the majority of countries of the world a variety of different CERTs operate, including national CERTs (see attached). In connection with this, we want to note that as part of urgent measures to provide electronic security, information about unexpected, accidental and intentional interference in the national internet space and existing information systems will be gathered, recommendations will be prepared to prevent any disturbances that could arise, our assistance will be offered, and the population, as well as state and other organizations, will be informed about these things. The National Center for Electronic Security will operate in the national domain zone (.az), and during the preparation and use of websites will assist in eliminating any loopholes regarding technology and programming. AZ-CERT will not have the authority to cease the activities of people and/or institutions that participate in causing computer dangers, to close resources, to block email addresses, etc. Appeals will be sent to law enforcements officials in connection with these types of incidents.

The Electronic Security National Center will operate as a part to the Communications and Information Technologies Ministry, and will cooperate with relevant state agencies on matters related to information security.

*Attachment: 1 page, 1 copy*

**Respectfully,**

**Information Society Development Department Head**

(Signature)

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