

MISSION OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS



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Two New Ministries Established in Azerbaijan

President Ilham Aliyev signed the Decree on Reorganization of Some Ministries of the Republic of Azerbaijan on 30 January 2006. The Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Tourism were liquidated and two new ministries Ministry of Tourism and Culture and Ministry of Youth and Sports were established.

The Cabinet of Ministers is charged with submitting draft statutes of both Ministries and proposals on their composition and legislative basis to the head of the state for approval within one month.

Heads of European customs services gather in Baky

Regular meeting of the heads of the European customs services of the World Customs Organization (WCO) started in Baky on Thursday, 2 February 2006, with the participation of representatives from 37 countries and 6 international organizations. Among participants of the event were the Secretary General of WCO Michel Danet, Chairman of the State Customs Committee of Azerbaijan (SCC) Kamalladin Heydarov and Interpol Executive Director of Police Services Jean-Michel Louboutin and other officials.

The two-day conference will discuss the results of the Second Global Congress on Combating Counterfeiting and Piracy, the role of WCO in the struggle with counterfeiting and piracy, the activities of the Southeast European Cooperative Initiative (SECI) in the struggle with organized crime on border-crossing.

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