



## MISSION OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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### **AZERBAIJAN CONTRIBUTES 20.000 USD TO THE CENTRAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND**

On 29 March 2006, the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan contributed 20.000 USD to the newly established Central Emergency Response Fund.

As a country affected by humanitarian crises, Azerbaijan attaches paramount importance to the establishment of an effective UN mechanism for quick disbursement of funds at the onset of emergencies and rapidly deteriorating crises as well as for ensuring adequate funding of under-funded emergencies. In this regard, the improved CERF constitutes one of the key elements of the humanitarian reform currently underway.

Azerbaijan trusts that this new funding instrument will contribute to ensuring more effective and equitable UN response to humanitarian crises and stands ready to make its contribution to the efficient functioning of the Fund.

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