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The Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan on Protection of Historical and Cultural Monuments

This law regulates relations on protection, study and use of historical and cultural monuments.

CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article no 1. Protection of historical and cultural monument

Pursuant to the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan Article no 77, every citizen is responsible for the protection of historical and cultural monuments.

Historical and cultural monuments are the national wealth of the nation.

The state guarantees the protection of historical and cultural monuments ensures establishment, operation and development of necessary agencies for their scientific research and propaganda and allows efficient use of monuments.

Legislative, executive and judicial bodies, local self-government institutes, political parties, public unions, trade union organizations, physical persons and legal entities shall protect historical and cultural monuments, shall support relevant executive powers (The Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Administration of State Historical and Architectural Reserve (ASHAR) under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan within Icherisheher territory and Main Archives Department under the Cabinet of Ministers), organizations established by local self-government institutes and non-governmental organizations which deal with their protection.

While implementation of earth and construction works on the area where historical and cultural monuments are located, the subjects indicated in the fourth paragraph of this article shall get prior permission from relevant executive powers (The Ministry of Culture and Tourism of The Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR and Local Executive Power) considering the opinion by Azerbaijan National Science Academy. Upon such permission, the instructions of relevant executive powers (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of The Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR) and experts on protection of monuments shall be implemented in the course of earth and construction works.

“The protection of immovable historical and cultural monuments located on the land plots in the boundary zone and boundary strip of the state border of the Republic of Azerbaijan, warfare zones during armed conflicts, and the area which are under the use of military bodies shall be provided by relevant executive powers (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan, The Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Azerbaijan and State Border Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan)”

Article no 2. Definition and classification of historical and cultural monuments

Historical and cultural monuments (hereinafter – the monuments), archeological and architectural facilities, ethnographic, numismatic, epigraphic, anthropological materials residents, memorial places, things which relate to any historical event or persons are the values referring to religious belief of people.

The monuments might be movable (portable) and immovable (stationary). Movable monuments are preserved in the museums, archives, funds, exhibitions and other relevant places, while archeological and architectural monuments, immovable monuments are preserved in the places where they are located or have been constructed.

The following definitions used in this law shall mean:

a) ***archeological monuments*** — with regard to human activity, underground material-cultural patterns, including primary camps and residential sites, old grave-yards, protection systems and fortification, places of pilgrimage, any kinds of ancient objects, religious and memorial monuments, rock painting and carving, old mine exploitation marks, labor tools, furnaces, ancient roads, bridge ruins, ditches, reservoirs and underground pipes, water pipes, sewer lines and etc.;

b) ***architectural monuments*** — buildings which adequately maintain their volume-design solutions, different purpose architectural-construction buildings, supporting facilities, engineering utilities; town-building monuments; residential areas, gardens-parks, avenues, ancillary samples which are mostly caught by architectural, historical-cultural handicrafts and buildings, divided into traditional blocks, sometimes surrounded with fortress and partly maintain engineering utilities; newly built architectural monuments; long-standing architectural buildings and facilities for their volume-design, artistic-aesthetic, operational-functional and technical-constructive designs; small architectural structures; monuments, obelisks, fountains, waterfalls, springs, ponds, stalls and other artistic objects which have special position in the area;

c) ***historical monuments*** — objects of value which relate to history of society and state, war and national liberty movement, important historical events in nation's life due to development of science and technology; buildings, apartments, memorial places, documents and things referring to the life of statesmen, military figures, heroes of Soviet Union, popular scientists and art workers – buildings and labor tools, things, epigraphic monuments which reflect material, spiritual, ideological, artful and economic life of population - different stones, clays, tree and metal objects with scripts;

ç) ***Monuments with documents*** — acts, ancient scripts, rare print works, archives, including phono, photo and cinema archives;

d) ***Art memorials*** — artistic, descriptive, decorative and applied art samples with historical and aesthetic value;

e) ***Reserves*** — the areas and residents which are of significant importance for history and culture and protected by the state;

ə) ***Protection zone of monuments*** — additional adjustment zone around the monument determined regarding with its nature without prejudice to the view of the monument.

Article no 3. The legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan on protection of monuments

The legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan on protection of monuments consists of the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan, this law, other statutory acts of the Republic of Azerbaijan and international contracts ratified by the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Article no 4. Property over the monuments

The monuments might be in the property of state or municipality or under the private property.

It is not allowed to privatize (except for residential units, their separate parts registered as architectural monuments of local significance and other architectural monuments of local significance which are indicated in the third paragraph of this article and allowed to be privatized) the monuments which are in the state property and included into the list of world natural and cultural heritage and belong to national cultural and natural heritage in accordance with the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On culture”.

Besides engineering utilities, defensive units, town-building, religious and memorial monuments, hydro-technical facilities, architectural monuments of local significance might be privatized in accordance the legislation.

It is prohibited to destroy the view and internal structure of privatized architectural monuments of local significance and to take any action which may damage their cultural, historical value.

When selling monuments which have been registered by state and are in the private property, the state shall have superior right to purchase them.

If a new monument is discovered in any area, this area shall be announced as a zone of historical-cultural significance and its territory might be purchased by the state as stipulated by the law together with buildings on it.

The monuments in private property shall be registered by the state and when selling the proprietor shall inform relevant executive power (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Incherisheher ASHAR) about it.

Without prior permission of relevant executive power (the Cabinet of ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan), monuments in private property shall not be exported abroad.

Article no 5. Protection, rehabilitation of monuments, determination of their level of significance, the participation of Azerbaijan National Science Academy in their utilization

Azerbaijan National Science Academy shall organize the discovery and research of monuments, protection of movable material-cultural remains discovered during archeological excavations upon the approval of relevant executive powers (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Incherisheher ASHAR), conduct operative investigations in new construction zones, participate in the registration process of monuments according to the level of significance, carry out material-cultural conservation and rehabilitation works if necessary, organize propaganda of monuments, develop methodical means for the protection, research, rehabilitation and conservation of monuments, provide scientific-practical consultations, sign international minutes and treaties for research of monuments and fulfill other duties determined under the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The designs of the work to be carried out on the monuments shall be approved by relevant executive power (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR) considering the opinion of Azerbaijan National Science Academy upon the approval of State Urban planning and Architecture Committee.

CHAPTER II

STATE REGISTRATION AND SIGNIFICANCE LEVELS OF MONUMENTS

Article no 6. State registration of monuments

Inventory, State registration, passportization of monuments (by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the territory of Icherisheher), approval of monuments' list and preparation of maps for immovable monuments shall be carried out by relevant executive power (the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan).

Article no 7. Significance level of monuments

Monuments are divided into monuments of world, country and local significance.

The distribution of monuments for significance level shall be conducted, developed and approved by the relevant executive power (the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan) in accordance with international norms considering the opinion of Azerbaijan National Science Academy.

Expungement of the monument from the list shall be carried out by relevant executive power (the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan) considering the opinion of Azerbaijan National Science Academy based on the proposal of relevant executive power (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Administration of State Historical and Architectural Reserve "Icherisheher" under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the territories of Icherisheher State Historical and Architectural and Gala State Historical and Ethnographical Reserves).

The list of monuments of world significance is submitted to relevant international organizations.

Article no 8. The Registration of monuments belonging to Azerbaijan but located outside the territory of Azerbaijan Republic

The relevant executive power (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan) shall register the monuments belonging to Azerbaijan but located outside the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan by developing special list and cooperate with related agencies of the countries where such monuments are located in solution of the problems regarding with their protection and rehabilitation.

CHAPTER III

STATE GUARANTEE FOR PROTECTION OF MONUMENTS

Article no 9. Financing the protection, study, rehabilitation of monuments

The protection, study and conservation of monuments shall be financed by funds allocated from state budget and local budgets, financial contributions and endowment of physical persons and legal entities.

Article no 10. Integrity of monuments

It is prohibited to carry out any repair, construction, housekeeping and other work which may change and destroy artistic-aesthetic view of or pose a threat for monuments.

Article no 11. The duties and responsibilities of physical persons and legal entities that own or use monuments

The physical persons or legal entities who own or use monuments shall observe procedures on protection, research and utilization of monuments.

The physical persons and legal entities that own or use monuments shall award a contract on protection of those monuments with relevant executive power (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR) and shall bear responsibility for safety of such monuments in accordance with the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Article no 12. Protection of monuments during construction and engineering utility work within Reserve territory and in its protection zone

Any work which may pose a threat for monuments within Reserve territory and in the protection zones shall be implemented upon the decision of relevant executive power (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR) by taking precautionary measures. The safety measures to be taken shall be financed by the contractor which will conduct construction works.

In case the traffic movement on the roads close to monuments or crossing through their protection zones causes hazard for protection of monuments, relevant executive power (the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan) shall limit or prohibit such movement upon the opinion of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR.

Article no 13. Protection of monuments discovered during construction and other housekeeping work

If any monument is discovered in the course of construction and other housekeeping work activities, the work shall be suspended immediately and relevant executive power (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR) and Azerbaijan National Science Academy shall be informed about this. In this case, construction and other housekeeping works might be continued upon the permission of relevant executive power (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR) based on the opinion of Azerbaijan National Science Academy and the experts.

In case construction and other housekeeping work is conducted in the zone of historical and archeological importance, such zone shall be visited by the experts beforehand and the monuments shall be provided for preliminary research. The relevant executive power shall ensure participation of its representative and expert in the zone where such work to be conducted.

Article no 14. Archeological research on new construction areas

During installation of main utilities (oil, gas pipelines, etc.) and other construction works, the contractor which will be in charge of construction works shall apply to relevant executive power

(the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR) and Azerbaijan National Science Academy in the feasibility phase during construction in the sites covering more than 1 ha area. Necessary funds shall be allocated for implementation of preliminary research works.

In case any archeological monument is discovered in such zone, it is prohibited to conduct construction and housekeeping works without permission of relevant executive power (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR) and implementation of necessary scientific measures.

Article no 15. The fate of monuments discovered or found in the buried treasures

The monuments discovered or found in the buried treasures shall be handed over to the state, and the person who has discovered the buried treasure or found any object shall be rewarded in accordance with the civil law of the Republic of Azerbaijan for discovery of buried treasures or found monuments.

The proprietor or the user of monuments discovered accidentally shall inform relevant executive power (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR) about the monument. The monument discovered accidentally shall be registered by the relevant executive power (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR) and scientific documentation of the monument shall be conducted.

Article no 16. Export and return of monuments

Temporary export of movable monuments from the Republic of Azerbaijan shall be carried out only upon the permission of relevant executive power (the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan) for scientific-propaganda and cultural exchange. Relevant executive power (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR and Main Archive Department under Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan) shall submit written evidence to custom agencies for temporary export of monuments for above mentioned purposes.

It is prohibited not to return monuments exported temporarily.

The search, discovery and return of monuments exported illegally from the Republic of Azerbaijan shall be carried out by relevant executive powers (the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan).

Article no 17. Characteristics for civil circulation of monuments

It is prohibited to sell any movable monuments which are in state property and of world and country significance.

In case of purchase or sale of movable monuments, relevant executive power (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR) shall be informed about it.

Article no 18. Protection of monuments in case of war, emergency situations and armed conflicts

Transposition of movable monuments from fighting zones and the zones which are under threat of fight shall be implemented by relevant executive power (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR and Main Archive Department). With regard to emergency cases, movable monuments might be removed temporarily to safe districts in accordance with the law in case of any threat of destruction, robbery or deterioration.

The government shall raise the issue about monuments plundered by the invaders against international organizations and shall take necessary measures for their return and rehabilitation.

The monuments shall not be used for military purposes. In exceptional cases, the territory of reserves and architectural monuments of local importance might be handed over for housekeeping and cultural purposes of military units in accordance with the law upon the approval of relevant executive power (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR), considering the opinion of Azerbaijan national Science academy.

CHAPTER IV

RULES ON USE OF MONUMENTS

Article no 19. Rules and terms on use of monuments in state or municipality property

It is prohibited to lease immovable monuments or their separate parts which are of world significance and in the property of state or municipality.

Immovable architectural monuments of country and world significance in the state or municipality property, including immovable monuments or their separate parts in the private property (except for archeological monuments) might be leased for scientific, cultural, religious, service and tourism purposes based on the contract as stipulated by the law upon the approval of utilization program, coordination and rehabilitation designs by the relevant executive power (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR).

Those who lease monuments and their separate parts shall not make any changes to composition, external view and constructive elements of monuments, cause damage to them during operation, allow deterioration of cultural layer in archeological monuments during housekeeping works. Any repair, conservation and rehabilitation works on such monuments or on their separate parts might be conducted under the control of relevant executive power (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR) and experts.

The rules and terms on use of monuments and their separate parts shall be determined under the contract awarded between parties. In case the contract terms are violated, the contract shall be terminated as stipulated by the law and the resulting loss shall be reimbursed.

CHAPTER V

RESEARCH OF MONUMENTS

Article no 20. Research of archeological monuments

The permission for implementation of archeological excavation works shall be given by Azerbaijan National Science Academy and recorded by relevant executive power (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR). Archeological excavation works shall be conducted under the control of relevant executive power (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR).

After the season for excavation has been finished, the report of research works and the list of material-cultural remains shall be submitted to relevant executive power (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR) and Azerbaijan National Science Academy.

Expeditions might be organized with international science institutes and scientists for the research of monuments located within Azerbaijan Republic. International science institutes and scientists may allocate funds for research of monuments. The director of joint expedition shall be appointed by Azerbaijan National Science Academy.

The archeological materials discovered during excavation works shall be transferred to the state property and kept in special funds and museums.

Article no 21. Research of architectural and other monuments

Architectural and other monuments are researched by Azerbaijan National Science Academy, scientific-research and design institutes, public unions focusing on protection and rehabilitation of monuments and qualified experts.

Before research works, relevant executive power (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR) shall be informed about it.

Without prior approval of relevant executive power (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR), it is prohibited to conduct research works on newly discovered architectural monuments.

Permission on the research and study of national architectural monuments located outside the territory of Azerbaijan Republic shall be provided under international contracts.

Article no 22. Establishment of memorial reserves

Archeological, ethnographic, architectural, town-planning and other complexes of special importance shall be announced as a reserve by the relevant executive power (the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan).

Special protection regime determined by relevant executive power (The Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan) shall be applied within the territory of Reserve.

Article no 23. Reserve zones of monuments

Reserve zones of monuments shall be established by relevant executive power (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR) in order to ensure security, functional appointment, architectural-aesthetic view and durability of monuments considering the opinions of experts.

Special protection regime determined by relevant executive power (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR) shall be applied within reserve zones of monuments.

Article no 24. Displacement and relocation of monuments

In case of natural disasters and other emergency situations, the monuments of world and country significance shall be displaced with the participation of experts upon the decision by relevant executive power (The Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan).

The monuments of local importance might be relocated upon the permission of relevant executive power (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR, Local Executive Power).

Displacement and relocation of monuments shall be carried out under the control of experts.

CHAPTER VI

CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION WORKS ON THE MONUMENTS FOR PROTECTION

Article no 25. Construction and renovation works on the monuments for protection purposes

Construction and renovation works conducted on the monuments which are in the property of state or municipality shall be conducted on the account of state and local budget funds based on the decision of relevant executive power (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR) on their conservation, repair, rehabilitation, reconstruction and regeneration. Such works on the monuments which are in the private property shall be carried out at the expense of the proprietor upon the approval by relevant executive power (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR).

The conservation of monuments includes building protection layers on open surfaces of monuments to protect them against impacts of physical-mechanical and physical-chemical environment, taking necessary actions to protect them against destructive impacts of ground waters, and ensuring integrity and enclosure of monuments..

The repair and rehabilitation of monuments mean to reinstate their damaged or lost parts without prejudice to the structure, planning solution, external and internal view of monuments.

The reconstruction of monuments means renovation of monuments lost to this day if required under the design developed in accordance with legends, pictures and engraved plates.

The regeneration of monuments means rehabilitation of preliminary design solution of monuments by using modern construction materials and methods inside the structure without

changing their internal and external view. Modern equipment and engineering utilities might be used in the operation of monuments.

Any repair, conservation, repair, reconstruction, regeneration and other works on monuments shall be conducted after the related designs are approved by relevant executive power (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR) considering the opinion of Azerbaijan national Science academy.

Article no 26. Supervision on Construction and renovation work on the monuments and procedure for payment to the contractor

Construction and renovation work of the monuments shall be conducted under the control of designer (designers) and relevant executive power (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR).

The cost of implemented work shall be paid as stipulated by the law.

Article no 27. Land improvement works in the reserves and in the protection zones of monuments

In the course of construction and land improvement works for protection in Reserve zones, the border of the Reserve and the reserve zone, configuration of monuments shall not be changed; traditional street networks shall be maintained.

Without disturbance of street networks, monuments, design configuration, volume-location composition in empty parts of reserve zones and without prejudice to their architectural value and style, land improvement and reconstruction work might be conducted upon the approval of relevant executive power (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR) considering the opinion of Azerbaijan National Science Academy.

Archeological and other excavations shall be conducted on the free zone of reserve without causing damage for monuments. The coordinates and situation of monument, object or other findings shall be recorded, and photos or pictures shall be taken. One copy of these documents shall be submitted to relevant executive power (the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Icherisheher ASHAR) together with the report.

CHAPTER VII

LIABILITY FOR VIOLATION OF THE LAW ON PROTECTION OF MONUMENTS

Article no 28. Liability for violation of law on protection of monuments

Any person who violates the law of the Republic of Azerbaijan on protection of monuments shall be subject to criminal, administrative, discipline and civil liability in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Article no 29. Payment for the damage to monuments

The payment for the damage to monuments shall be made in accordance with civil law of the republic of Azerbaijan. The amount shall be spent on financing rehabilitation, research or protection of the monuments.

CHAPTER VIII

FINAL PROVISIONS

Article no 30. The power of international legal acts in the field of protection of monuments

In accordance with Article no 151 of the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan, in case of any contradictions between this law and any contracts ratified by the Republic of Azerbaijan, such international contracts shall be applied.

Article no 31. Participation of international organizations in the scientific research, rehabilitation, reconstruction, conservation and regeneration of monuments

International organizations may participate in the scientific research, rehabilitation, regeneration, reconstruction and conservation of monuments located in Azerbaijan Republic upon the approval of relevant executive power (The Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan).

Article no 32. Rehabilitation and protection of monuments left in temporarily occupied zones

Urgent measures shall be taken for research and rehabilitation of monuments left in temporarily occupied zones after liberation of those areas. The fund to be allocated for rehabilitation and protection of monuments shall be firstly spent on research and rehabilitation of monuments left in occupied zones.

The related information about the monuments of world, country and local significance which have been destroyed by the invaders shall be given to international organizations.

The President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Heydar Aliyev

Baku, April 10 1998.

№ 470-IQ.

Considering the amendments and supplements made in accordance with decrees no 631 dated 07.01.2002; no 466 dated 27.09.2006; no 481 dated 29.11.2006; no 667 dated 23.11.2007; no 704, dated 31.01.2008; no 780 dated 20.06.2008

and the amendments dated February 01, 2010.

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THE DECREE OF THE PRESIDENT OF AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC

On application of the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan on “Protection of historical and cultural monuments”

Pursuant to the effectiveness of the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On protection of historical and cultural monuments” and in order to ensure the application of this Law, I hereby decide:

1. The Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan is instructed within a month:
 - To submit proposals for harmonization of applicable statutory acts with the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On protection of historical and cultural monuments” to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
 - To ensure harmonization of normative legal acts of Cabinet of Ministers and related central executive powers with above mentioned Law and report to the President of Azerbaijan Republic about this;
 - To determine the procedures on permission for export of the monuments in private property abroad considered in the last paragraph of Article no 4 of the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On protection of historical and cultural monuments” and submit to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
 - To develop and approve the division of monuments for categories of importance which are considered in Article no 7 of the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On protection of historical and cultural monuments” and report to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan about this;
 - To determine the permission procedure for export of movable monuments considered in the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Article no 16, first sentence of first paragraph for scientific-propaganda and cultural exchange purposes and to report to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan about it;
 - To determine the procedures for participation of international organizations in scientific research, rehabilitation, regeneration, reconstruction and conservation of monuments located within Azerbaijan Republic which is stipulated in the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan on “Protection of historical and cultural monuments” Article no 31 and submit to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
 - To resolve other issues raised by the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On protection of historical and cultural monuments” within its authorities.

2. To determine that:

The authorities of “relevant executive power” indicated in the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On protection of historical and cultural monuments”, first paragraph of Article no 22 shall be implemented by the President of The Republic of Azerbaijan, while the authorities of “relevant executive power” indicated in last paragraph of Article no 4, second paragraph of Article no 7, first sentence and last paragraph of Article no 16, second paragraph of Article no 22, first paragraph of Article no 24 and Article no 31 shall be implemented by the Cabinet of Ministers;

The authorities of “relevant executive power” on approval of the list of monuments and preparation of maps for immovable monuments, which are considered in Article no 6 of This Law shall be

implemented by the Cabinet of Ministers, while those on inventory, registration and passportization of monuments shall be implemented by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Administration of State Historical and Architectural Reserve “Icherisheher” under the Cabinet of Ministers of The Republic of Azerbaijan in the territory of “Icherisheher” State Historical and Architectural Reserve;

The authorities of “relevant executive power” described in the fifth paragraph of Article no 1 after the word “permission”, Article no 8, first paragraph of Article no 12, last sentence in the first paragraph and second paragraph of Article no 13, first and second paragraphs of Article no 14, second paragraph of Article no 15, second paragraph of Article no 17, third paragraph of Article no 19, first and second paragraphs of Article no 20, second and third paragraphs of Article no 21, Article no 23, first and third paragraphs of Article no 25 of this Law shall be implemented by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

The authorities of “relevant executive power” described in the fourth paragraph of Article no 1 of the Law shall be carried out by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and Administration of State Historical and Architectural Reserve “Icherisheher” under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Main Archives Department under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan within their powers;

The authorities of “relevant executive power” listed in the sixth paragraph of Article no 4 of this Law shall be implemented by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

The authorities of “relevant executive power” described in the second sentence in the first paragraph of Article no 16 and first paragraph of Article no 18 of this Law shall be implemented by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Main Archives Department under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

The authorities of “relevant executive power” prescribed in the second paragraph of Article no 5 of this Law shall be carried out by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and State Urban-Planning and Architecture Committee;

The authorities of “relevant executive power” described in the fifth paragraph of Article no 1 and first sentence in the first paragraph of Article no 13 and second paragraph of Article no 24 of this Law shall be performed by Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and local executive powers;

The authorities of “relevant executive power” mentioned in the second paragraph of Article no 12 of this Law shall be carried out by the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan upon the opinion of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

The authorities of “relevant executive power” described in the fifth paragraph of Article no 1 in both cases and first sentences in first paragraphs of articles no 12 and 13, and those stipulated by sixth paragraph of Article no 4, second paragraphs of Articles no 5 and 12, second sentence in the first and second paragraphs of Article no 13, first and second paragraphs of Article no 14, first and

second sentences in the second paragraph of Article no 15, second sentence in the first paragraph of Article no 16, second paragraph of Article no 17, first sentence in the first paragraph of Article no 18, second sentence in the third paragraph of Article no 19, first and second paragraphs of Article no 20, second and third paragraphs of Article no 21, Article no 23, second paragraph of Article no 24, first and second sentences in the first paragraph and second sentence in the third paragraph of Article no 25 shall be implemented by Administration of State Historical and Architectural Reserve “Icherisheher” under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the territory of “Icherisheher” State Historical and Architectural Reserve.

The President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Heydar Aliyev

Baku, June 13 1998

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THE LIST OF SOURCE DOCUMENTS REFERRED HEREIN

1. The decree no 631 dated January 7, 2002 (**Body of Laws of the Republic of Azerbaijan, 2002, no 1, Article no 14**)
2. The decree no 466 dated September 27, 2006 (**Body of Laws of the Republic of Azerbaijan, 2006, no 9, Article no 743**)
3. The decree no 481 dated November 29, 2006 by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan (**Body of Laws of the Republic of Azerbaijan, 2006, no 11, Article no 943**)
4. The decree no 667 dated November 23, 2007 by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan (**Body of Laws of the Republic of Azerbaijan, 2007, no 11, Article no 1115**)
5. The decree no 704 dated January 31, 2008 by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan (**Body of Laws of the Republic of Azerbaijan, 2008, no 1, Article no 8**)
6. The decree no 780 dated June 20, 2008 by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan (**Body of Laws of the Republic of Azerbaijan, 2008, no 6, Article no 498**)

LIST OF SUPPLEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS MADE TO THE DECREE

THE LAW OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN
on
**Amendments and supplements to the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan
“On protection of historical and cultural monuments”**

The Milli Majlis (National Assembly) of the Republic of Azerbaijan decides hereby:

The following amendments and supplements shall be made to the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On protection of historical and cultural monuments” (Body of Laws of the Republic of Azerbaijan no 6, 1998, article no 365; no 4, 2005, article no 278, no 11, 2007, article no 1072):

1. Sixth paragraph shall be added to Article no 1:

“The protection of immovable historical and cultural monuments located on the land plots in the boundary zone and boundary strip of the state border of the Republic of Azerbaijan, warfare zones during armed conflicts, and the area which are under the use of military bodies shall be provided by relevant executive powers”.

2. Before the word “Science” used in the contents of the articles no 1, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21 and title of the article no 5, the word “National” shall be added.

3. In the article no 4:

3.1. The word combination “their different parts” used in the second paragraph shall be replaced with the word combination “their different parts and other architectural monuments of local significance allowed to be privatized” considered in the third paragraph of this article;

3.2. The third-seventh paragraphs shall be considered as the fourth-eighth paragraphs respectively and the third paragraph shall be added to this article as:

“except for engineering utilities, defensive units, town-building, religious and memorial monuments, hydro-technical structures, architectural monuments of local significance might be privatized in accordance with the law”;

3.3. The word combination “residential buildings and their different parts” shall be replaced with “architectural monuments of local importance”.

4. In the article no 5:

4.1. The word combination “material-cultural remains” shall be replaced with “the movable material-cultural remains discovered in the course of archeological excavations upon the approval by relevant executive power”;

4.2. The word “rehabilitation” shall be replaced with “works to be done on it” in the second paragraph.

5. The second part of the article no 11 shall be edited as:

“Physical persons and legal entities that own or use the monuments shall award the contract on the protection of such monuments with the relevant executive powers and shall bear responsibility for security of those monuments under the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan”.

6. The first sentence in the first paragraph of article no 11 shall be edited as:

“Any works which may pose a threat to monuments within Reserve area and in the protection zones might be conducted upon precautionary measures by related executive powers”.

7. The second sentence in the first paragraph of article no 13 shall be edited as:

“In such case, construction and other housekeeping works might be continued based on the opinion of Azerbaijan National Science Academy and the experts upon the permission of executive powers”.

8. The word “installation” in the first paragraph of article no 14 shall be added after the word combination “other construction works”.

9. The following second sentence shall be added to the third paragraph of article no 18:

“Considering the opinion of Azerbaijan National Science Academy, only in exceptional cases, the area of reserves and the architectural monuments of local significance might be provided for the use by military units for economic and cultural purposes upon the approval by relevant executive power in accordance with the Law”.

10. In article no 19:

10.1. The words “and the country” shall be removed from the first paragraph;

10.2. the words “country and” shall be added before the word “local” in the second paragraph, the word combination “(except for archeological monuments)” shall be added after the word “parts”, the phrase “utilization program, harmonization and rehabilitation projects upon the approval by relevant executive powers” shall be added after “for touristic purposes”.

11. In the article no 20:

11.1. The following second sentence shall be added to the first paragraph:

“Archeological excavation work shall be conducted under the control of relevant executive powers”;

11.2. The phrase “the list of material-cultural remains discovered” shall be added after the word “report” in the second paragraph.

12. The content of article no 23 shall be considered as a first paragraph and the following second paragraph shall be added to this article:

“Special regime determined by relevant executive power shall be applied to reserve zone of monuments”.

13. The second sentence shall be deleted from the third paragraph of article no 25 and the following sixth paragraph shall be added to the article:

“The rehabilitation, conservation, repair, reconstruction, regeneration and other works shall be conducted considering that, the related opinion on their designs is obtained from Azerbaijan National Science Academy and they are approved by relevant executive powers”.

14. The words “relevant executive powers” shall be added after the words “designer’s (designer’s)” in the first paragraph of article no 26.

15. In the article no 27:

15.1. the phrase “and renovation upon the approval by relevant executive powers considering the opinion of Azerbaijan National Science Academy” shall be added after “without prejudice to” in the second paragraph;

15.2. The following third sentence shall be added to the third paragraph:

“One copy of these documents shall be submitted to relevant executive power together with the report”.

16. The words “world and country” in the second paragraph of article no 32 shall be replaced with the words “world, country and local”.

Ilham Aliyev
The President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Baku. February 1, 2010
№ 947-IIIQD

The Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on supplementary measures related to application of the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan no 947-IIIQD dated February 1, 2010 on “Amendments and Supplements to the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan on Protection of historical and cultural monuments”

In relation to the application of Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan no 947-IIIQD dated February 1, 2010 on “Amendments and Supplements to the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “on Protection of historical and cultural monuments”, I hereby decide:

1. To determine that:

1.1. The authorities of “relevant executive power” described in the first paragraph of Article no 5, second paragraph of Article no 11, first sentence in the first paragraph of Article no 12, second sentence in the first paragraph of Article no 13, second sentence in the third paragraph of Article no 18, second paragraph of Article no 19, second sentence in the first paragraph of Article no 20, second paragraph of Article no 23, sixth paragraph of Article no 25, first paragraph of Article no 26, second paragraph and third sentence in the third paragraph of Article no 27 of the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On protection of historical and cultural monuments” by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Administration of State Historical and Architectural Reserve “Icherisheher” under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the territory of State Historical and Architectural Reserve “Icherisheher”;

1.2. The authorities of “relevant executive power” described in the sixth paragraph of Article no 1 of this Law shall be carried out by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Azerbaijan and State Border Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan within their power.

2. The following amendments shall be made to the Decree no 725 dated June 13, 1998 by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan “on application of the Law of Republic of Azerbaijan “on protection of historical and cultural monuments” (the Body of laws of the Republic of Azerbaijan, 1998, no 6, Article no 386; 2002, no 1, Article no 14; 2006, no 9, Article no 943; 2007, no 11, Article no 1115; 2008, no 1, Article no 8, no 6, Article no 498) Item no 2:

2.1. the fourth paragraph shall be edited as:

the authorities of “relevant executive power” described as for second case in the fifth paragraph of Article no 1 of the Law, those indicated in the seventh paragraph of Article no 4, first paragraph of Article no 5, Article no 8, second paragraph of Article no 11, first sentence in the first paragraph of Article no 12, second sentences in the first and second paragraphs of Article no 13, first and second paragraphs of Article no 14, first and second sentences in the second paragraph of Article no 15, second paragraph of Article no 17, second sentence in the third paragraph of Article no 18, second paragraph and second sentence in the third paragraph of Article no 19, first and second sentences in the first paragraph and second paragraph of Article no 20, second and third paragraphs of Article no 21, first and second paragraphs of Article no 23, first and second sentences of first paragraph and sixth paragraph of Article no 27 shall be implemented by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan”;

2.2. the sixth paragraph shall be edited as:

the authorities of “relevant executive power” described in the sixth paragraph of Article no 1 of the law shall be carried out by the ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Azerbaijan, State Border Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan within their powers;”;

2.3. the eleventh paragraph shall be edited as:

“the authorities of “relevant executive powers” mentioned in the fifth paragraph of Article no 1 of the Law for both cases, first sentence in the first paragraph of Article no 13, and those of “relevant executive power” described in the seventh paragraph of Article no 4, first and second

paragraphs of Article no 5, second paragraph of Article no 11, first sentence in the first paragraph, and second paragraph of Article no 12, second sentences in the first and second paragraphs of Article no 13, first and second paragraphs of Article no 14, first and second sentences in the second paragraph of Article no 15, second sentence in the first paragraph of Article no 16, second paragraph of Article no 17, first sentence in the first paragraph and second sentence in the third paragraph of Article no 18, second paragraph and second sentence in the third paragraph of Article no 19, first and second sentences in the first paragraph and second paragraph of Article no 20, second and third paragraphs of Article no 21, first and second paragraphs of Article no 23, second paragraph of Article no 24, first and second sentences in the first paragraph and sixth paragraph of Article no 25, first paragraph of Article no 26, second paragraph and third sentence in the third paragraph of Article no 27 shall be implemented by the Administration of State Historical and Architectural Reserve “Icherisheher” under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the territory of State Historical and Architectural Reserve “Icherisheher”.

Ilham Aliyev

President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Baku, August 13, 2010.

16.10.2012

“Amendment to the law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On protection of historical and cultural monuments”

449-IVQD

THE LAW OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

On

“Amendment to the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On protection of historical and cultural monuments”

By reference to the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Article no 94, Section I, Item no 11, The Cabinet of Ministers hereby decides:

The Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan on protection of historical and cultural monuments (The Body of Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan 1998, no 6, Article no 365; 2005, no 4, Article no 278; 2007, no 11, Article no 1072; 2010, no 3, Article no 168), the third paragraph of Article no 7 shall be edited as:

Expungement of the monument from the list shall be carried out by relevant executive power considering the opinion of Azerbaijan National Science Academy based on the proposal of relevant executive power”.

Ilham Aliyev
the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Baku, October 16, 2012
no 449-IVQD

The Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on amendment to the Decree no 725 dated June 13, 1998 by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On application of the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “on Protection of Historical and Cultural Monuments”

March 07, 2013, 20:00

In order to harmonize the Decree no 725 dated June 13, 1998 by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On Application of the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On protection of historical and cultural monuments” with the Law no 449-IVQD dated October 16, 2012 of the Republic of Azerbaijan on “Amendment to the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On protection of historical and cultural monuments”, basing on the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Article no 109, Item no 32, I hereby decide:

The following changes shall be made to the second paragraph of the Decree no 725 dated June 13, 1998 by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On Application of the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “on protection of historical and cultural monuments” (Body of Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan, 1998, no 6, Article no 386; 2002, no 1, Article no 14; 2006, no 9, Article no 743, no 11, Article no 943; 2007, no 11, Article no 1115; 2008, no 1, Article no 8, no 6, Article no 498; 2010, no 8, Article no 723):

1. In Item no 1 the words “in the third paragraph for the second case” shall be added after “second paragraph of Article no 7”.
2. The “.” (Full stop) mark at the end of Item no 10 shall be replaced with “;” (semicolon). The following text shall be added as item no 11:

The authorities of “relevant executive power” considered in the first case in the third paragraph of Article no 7 of this Law shall be implemented by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan together with local executive powers in the places where historical and cultural monuments are located, while by the Administration of State Historical and Architectural Reserve “Icherisheher” under the cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the territory of “Icherisheher” State Historical and Architectural and “Gala” State Historical and Ethnographical Reserves.

Ilham Aliyev
the President of The Republic of Azerbaijan

Baku, March 7, 2013.

November 26, 2013 21:30

The Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan on amendment to the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On protection of historical and cultural monuments”

In order to harmonize the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On protection of historical and cultural monuments” with the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan no 506-IVQ dated December 21, basing on the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan Article no 94, I part, Item no 13, the Milli Majlis (National Assembly) of the Republic of Azerbaijan hereby decides:

The words “in the state property” in the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On protection of historical and cultural monument”, Article no 4, second paragraph (Body of Laws of the Republic of Azerbaijan, 1998, no 365; 2005, no 4, Article no 278; 2007, no 11, Article no 1072; 2010, no 3, Article no 168; 2012, no 11, Article no 1057) shall be replaced with “which is in the state property and included into the list of world natural and cultural heritage and belongs to national cultural and natural heritage”.

Ilham Aliyev
the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Baku, October 29, 2013.

November 26, 2013 21:33

The order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on application of the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan no 799-IVQD dated October 29, 2013 “On amendment to the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On protection of historical and cultural monuments”

Basing on the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Article no 109, Item no 19 and with regard to enforcement of the Law of Republic of Azerbaijan no 799-IVQD dated October 29, 2013 “On amendment to the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On protection of historical and cultural monuments”, in order to ensure the application of above mentioned Law, I hereby decide:

1. The Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan shall:

1.1. prepare proposals on harmonization of the Laws of the Republic of Azerbaijan and acts by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan with the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “on amendment to the law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On protection of historical and cultural monuments” within three months and submit them to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

1.2. ensure harmonization of normative legal acts of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan with above mentioned Law within three months and report to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan about it;

1.3. keep the harmonization of normative legal acts of central executive powers with this Law under control and report to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan during five months about its execution;

1.4. resolve other issues arising from this Law.

2. ensure harmonization of normative legal acts and normative acts by the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Azerbaijan, central executive power bodies with the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On amendment to the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “on Protection of historical and cultural monuments” and report to the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan about this.

Ilham Aliyev
the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Baku, November 25, 2013

The Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers on Approval of Exemplary Regulation of memorial reserves

In order to ensure execution of Item no 1.3 of the Decree no 667 dated November 23, 2007 by the President of Azerbaijan Republic “On Application of the Law of The Republic of Azerbaijan no 454-IIIQD dated October 19, 2007 on amendment to the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan about Protection of historical and cultural monuments, the Cabinet of Ministers hereby **decides**:

1. The Exemplary Regulation of memorial reserves shall be approved (attached).
2. This Resolution shall come into force from the date of signing.

Artur Rasizadeh
The Prime Minister of Azerbaijan Republic

Baku, March 18, 2008.
no 74

Approved under the Resolution no 74 dated March 18,
2008 by the Cabinet of Ministers of Azerbaijan Republic

Exemplary Regulation of memorial reserves

I. General Provision

1.1. Memorial Reserves (hereinafter called the Reserve) are established by the President of Azerbaijan Republic and function under the Ministry of Culture and Tourism.

The Reserve is a place or residence where historical and cultural monuments of historical and cultural significance, and archeological and architectural merits, ethnographic, numismatic, epigraphic, anthropological materials, buildings relating to historical events and persons, memorial places or objects are located and which is protected by state.

1.2. The Reserve shall refer to the Constitution of Azerbaijan Republic, Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan on “Protection of historical and cultural monuments”, “On culture”, decrees and directions of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, resolutions and directions of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan, other applicable normative legal acts, orders of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan, collegial decisions and this Regulation in its operation.

1.3. The Reserve is an organization financed by state budget. It has a bank account, a stamp scraped with its name and the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, related block title and letterhead. The Reserve has its own emblem.

1.4. The Reserve shall submit an annual report about its activity to the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

1.5. In order to ensure security of reserve monuments, their functional appointment, architectural-aesthetic view and durability, protection zone of reserve is established by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan, taking into account the opinion of specialists.

1.6. Archeological, ethnographic, architectural, town-planning and other complexes which are of special importance are announced as a Reserve by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Historical-cultural monuments, land, water ground surface, plants and animals which are available in its area are not considered for economic use and provided for permanent use by Reserve.

II. Reserve's duties and lines of activity

2.1. The Reserve shall fulfill the following duties in accordance with lines of activity identified under this Regulation:

2.1.1. provide state control over its area;

2.1.2. organize forecasting and planning works in its area and ensure improvement of Reserve;

2.1.3. prepare related plans for reserve management, get approval from the Ministry of Culture and Tourism and implement it;

2.1.4. Reserve area might be used for protection and utilization of historical and cultural monuments, scientific-research, educational, tourism and recreation purposes provided that, related requirements stipulated under the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan are observed; [11](#)

2.1.5. prepare design proposals to increase the level of conservation, construction-stabilization, land improvement, rehabilitation, reconstruction, regeneration works conducted on historical and cultural monuments and to make them suitable for use. After the designs are approved by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, they are implemented under the control of the Reserve and the designer (designers);

2.1.6. plan and organize rehabilitation and repair of monuments and buildings located within its borders based on the resolution by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan, control the implementation of such Works and carry out the work in a proper way upon identification of the safety measures regarding with repair works which might cause any kind of danger for monuments;

2.1.7. make an inventory of monuments and buildings located in the Reserve area, prepare Reserve's passport under its authority, take related measures for their record and state registration, in case any monument is discovered as stipulated by the Law.;

2.1.8. Scientific Fund of the Reserve shall be kept for an unlimited period of time;

2.1.9. ensure development of tourism in the Reserve area, determination of tourist routes and establishment of related infrastructure;

2.1.10. ensure protection and integrity of historical and cultural monuments located within Reserve area, take necessary measures as stipulated by the law to avoid violation of procedures for use of and protection regime of the Reserve and hold the guilty liable for it;

2.1.11. propagate scientific, cultural and historical importance of monuments, organize exhibitions, photo-stands, excursions, lectures, take related measures for shooting documentary and short films and publishing scientific literature;

2.1.12. organize archeological excavation works within Reserve area, and control the implementation of archeological excavations and such other work as determined under the Law. Only after related permission has been obtained from Azerbaijan National Science Academy and it has been registered by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan, excavation and discovery of archeological monuments might be conducted within the Reserve area. In the course of archeological excavation, any historical and cultural monuments discovered in the Reserve area, shall be handed over to Reserve fund;

2.1.13. take measures to prevent any possible emergency situations within Reserve area;

2.1.14. ensure that scientific research methods do not contradict with requirements of Reserve's routine. As a result of work, new scientific proposals might be applied;

2.1.15. pay tax from reserve's income to state budget based on applicable legislation;

2.1.16. fulfill other duties stipulated by the Law, related to its lines of activities.

III. Characteristics of special protection regime of the Reserve and procedures for the use available monuments

3.1. The historical and cultural monuments located in the territory of the Reserve might be used as set forth in the legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

3.2. The monuments and natural landscape which are located in the Reserve territory and are of scientific, cultural, historical significance are protected by the state. It is prohibited to change their graphic aesthetic view and carry out any work which might cause danger for them.

3.3. The contracts on protection shall be awarded in a proper way with physical persons and legal entities that use monuments and land located in the territory of the Reserve in order to protect the monuments and the land used by it.

3.4. The Reserve shall organize recreation zones, verdures and traffic within its territory in the proper way and take related measures in accordance with the Law to limit or prohibit installation of pipelines, electric lines and other utilities, and the traffic movement near the monuments or on the roads crossing through the protection zones, in case they might cause any threat for protection of monuments.

3.5. The below mentioned is prohibited within the territory of Reserve:

3.5.1. Any construction except for rehabilitation and repair works designed to increase the level of conservation, construction-stabilization, land improvement, rehabilitation, reconstruction, regeneration works on historical and cultural monuments and to make them suitable for use. Such designs shall be approved by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism;

3.5.2. Any activity which might cause threat to historical-cultural monuments and natural landscape;

3.5.3. Implementation of geological exploration and excavation for mineral products;

3.5.4. Operation of chemical industry, metallurgy, nuclear energetic and other enterprises which have particular ecological threats;

3.5.5. Driving vehicles, parking, building tents and making bonfires away from specific locations.

3.6. Any activity which is to harm historical, cultural, scientific, aesthetic and recreational value of monuments in the Reserve territory might be limited or prohibited as set forth by the Law.

IV. Financing the Reserve

4.1. The finance sources of the Reserve are shown below:

4.1.1. Any fund allocated from state budget;

4.1.2. Any incomes from cultural and tourism services to people, and other activities not prohibited under the law;

4.1.3. Any incomes from public, social and other organizations, events held upon the contract;

4.1.4. Grants and endowment provided by legal entities and physical person;

4.1.5. Funds from other sources not prohibited under statutory acts.

V. Reserve's rights and objectives

5.1. The Reserve shall be mainly entitled to:

5.1.1. protect historical-cultural monuments and natural landscape in its territory;

5.1.2. prohibit any land improvement, rehabilitation, reconstruction, regeneration and repair-construction works conducted in the Reserve territory without approval of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

5.1.3. ensure that the use, including leasing of monuments in the Reserve territory which are under the property of state (municipality) comply with applicable legislation;

5.1.4. ensure that any construction-repair work which have no threat for monuments within the protection zone of Reserve is implemented in accordance with related legislation upon the approval by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

5.1.5. make suggestions for preparation of specialists and improvement of professional skills;

5.1.6. involve independent experts and specialists to its activity as set forth under the Law;

5.1.7. participate in organization of cultural-public events, establishment of premises providing temporary and permanent services, joint activity with private state bodies under the contract, and make income which do not contradict with the law by providing different kinds of paid services.

5.2. The Reserve may establish Scientific Board to organize scientific researches, cultural-educational, training events in the proper manner. The composition of the Board shall be approved by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan upon the proposal by the Reserve.

VI. Organization of Reserve's activity

6.1. The Reserve shall be managed by the director appointed or discharged by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

6.2. The Director shall be responsible to fulfill the tasks and implement the rights assigned for the Reserve.

6.3. Chief security guard, deputy directors, chief accountant shall be appointed or discharged by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan upon proposal by the director. Other employees of the Reserve shall be appointed and discharged by the director.

6.4. The director shall:

6.4.1. represent the Reserve in all agencies, organizations and enterprises without the power of attorney;

6.4.2. make job distribution among employees, reward them, hold them liable for discipline, control labor and performance discipline and give them power of attorney;

6.4.3. make orders and resolutions within its authorities;

6.4.4. ensure development of annual and prospective work plan of the Reserve, take measures for implementation of scientific-research work and observation of specific procedures applied by Cabinet of Ministers of Azerbaijan Republic;

6.4.5. make proposals on change of staff Schedule in the proper way and submit them to the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Azerbaijan Republic.

6.5. Security guards shall:

6.5.1. bear responsibility for protection of historical and cultural monument charged on him based on inventory book;

6.5.2. avoid exporting different pictures and scripts, using monuments, making fire, holding different kinds of events within reserve territory without approval to ensure integrity of monuments; pay special attention to stones with historical scripts, ornaments, relief and carving; report to management and related bodies about any changes on the monument, destruction and removal work, illegal use of monuments; prevent unallowed archeological excavation in the territory, ground explosive work, illegal measurement of monuments, copy of graphic images on them.

6.6. The Security guards might participate in any workshops and meetings held on protection and use of monuments in any districts or towns of the republic and get education and practice exchange in training courses organized for cultural employees.

6.7. The Reserve structure and number of employees shall be approved by The Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the proper manner.

VII. Suspension and Liquidation of the Reserve

The operation of the Reserve might be liquidated or re-established in accordance with the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Council of Ministers of Azerbaijan SSR

Resolution

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Since 24 November, 1967 year, Baku city

The Council of Ministers resolve about historical and architectural reserve Nukha city:

1. Make a resolve of The Ministry of Culture, government insurance of republic and city executive committee of Nukha about creation of highland of Nukha – architectural reserve , protected by government “Yukhari Bash” .
2. To commission with The Ministry of Culture of Azerbaijan SSR:
 - Combined with scientific-systematic suggestion of consolidation of cultural monuments and city executive committee of Nukha.
 - To determine the borders of reserve, under the supervision of government and to afford the suggestion during three months for proposition of The Council of Ministers of Azerbaijan SSR.
 - Combined with city executive committee of Nukha to prepare and to afford till end of 1967 year. The Council of Ministers of Azerbaijan SSR ,the list of architectural and artistic residences of XVIII-XIX c, located in mentioned zone taking under supervision of government, as well as their restoration and demonstration to tourists.
 - under the agreement with the Ministry of Financial to review the list of staff of National architectural reserve “ Sheki Khan Palace ” .
3. Commit city executive committee of Nukha
 - In 1968 year to carry out work on the roads taken to ornamental places – “ Khan Yaylaghi” and “Soyug Bulag”.
The city executive committee of Nukha make the work done for the budget for 1968 year in Nukha city.
 - To examine the item of one of the old construction for hotel for tourists located on the top of the city and to afford for two months in The Council of Ministers.
 - Combined with the Ministry of Local Industry of republic to prepare and realize selling the local handmade products – ceramic, socks

(jorabs), embroidery “Tek ulduz” of local shoes etc. to show to tourists.

- Combined with the Ministry of Food Industry to prepare and realize the show of the local products their quality and magnification of sweeties of Nukha - girmib adam, rishte-pakhlava, pishmek etc.
4. To commit the State Committee for Construction Azerbaijan SSR in 1967-68 years for the master plan of Nukha city, to agree with its scientific-methodological advice for protection and registration of the cultural monuments , taking into account of protection its planning and development ,also architectural-art coloring of the city with account of water supply and gas.
 5. To commit the State Planning Committee to the Ministry of Communal Economy, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of General Services and Ministry of Melioration and Water System of republic to provide for the construction and projection of Nukha city in 1968-70 years:
 - New Hotel
 - Trade centre, public food and general services
 - Construction secured walls, river, Deirman-arkhi and kurdjan chay by documents.
 6. To commit The ministry of Culture of Republic:
 - To realize restoration of the cultural monuments of Nukha city in 1968-69 years.
 - To complete restoration of the building, preparation the exposition of the museum of the improvement territory of memorial house of M.F.Akhundov in 1968-69 years.
 7. To commit committee copying by The Council of Ministers of Azerbaijan SSR, to include planning of the construction of 1968 year the booklet of “The Monuments of Nukha”, monograph of “Nukha city”, photo album of “Sheki Khan Palace”.
 8. to provide the plan in 1969 year science-documentary, colored film about “Nukha- reserve” to committee by cinematography under The Council of Ministry of Azerbaijan SSR. To prepare the scenario of film by scientific-methodological committee of protection cultural monuments.
 9. Checking for execution real resolution , to entrust to The Ministry of Culture and State Committee for Construction of Republic.

Chairman of The Council
of Ministry of Azer.SSR :

A.Alikhanov

Chartered Secretary of
The Council of Ministry of Azer.SSR:

S.Jabbarov

The borders of Architectural Reserve of Highland of Nukha city “Yukhari Bash” and its short characteristics.

Among the historical cities in Azerbaijan, Nukha is attracted attention with its architects and painting location.

The territory of the old city is divided into two parts. On the highland of Nukha are located the Fortress of Nukha, Shopping Center and residences, on the lowland there are located industrial buildings.

The architectural-art value of highland of Nukha, as historical city is defined several facts:

1. Preserved Sheki Khan Palace, up and down caravanserais, shopping centers, baths and cultivated constructions (mosques, funerary monuments, minarets of Gilehli mosque, rounded temple on the territory of fortress).
2. Many high-art buildings for residence of XVIII-XIX c (
3. Picturesque nature consists of the complicated relief and plenty of verdure.
4. Specific structure of town-building adapted to the nature .
5. Local engineering tradition.

Considering the value of the architectural character of the city, specific structure of constructions, quantity of architectural monuments and residences of XVIII-XIX c, the borders of protected zone of reserve of Highland of Nukha city is defined:

On the bank of the river Gurdjan-chay, across the street Basin till block # 105, the border from the northern mountains, also on the left of the bank of the river, the territory from the east to the south borders of the city, from the west the factory constructed with brick and across the street Azizbeyov, the place between primery school # 3(blocks- 59,79,80,81,82 and 84) across the street Basin.From the east- the blocks (102,106,110, 109, 113, 114) streets Basin, Fuzuli, K.Marks and Zakatalsky limitation.

The square, occupied by one-third part of the city equal the western part 233 ha.

Order

Ministry Culture of Azerbaijan SSR

Baku city

#131

“19” June 1968

To confirm “Position” of the State architectural reserve “Yuxari Bash” in Sheki city (appended).

To commit the State Historical-Architectural of “Shirvanshah Palace” in Baku city and to realize scientific-methodological management. The State architectural reserve “Yuxari Bash” in Sheki city and to commit on the function of principal organization for the architectural reserve of Azerbaijan.

Ministry of Culture of Azerbaijan:

Hajiyev R.S.

Statutes about Sheki city “Yuxari Bash” The Architectural Reserve.

1. The Reserve was established in 23.04.1967 by Degree # 206 of Azerbaijan CP CC and 24.11.1967 by Degree # 594 of Council of Ministers.
2. The Architectural Reserve belongs to the Minister of Culture , comply to the Executive Committee.
3. Sheki city, “ Yuxari Bash” architectural reserve consists of the cultural, historical and architectural constructions, protect of typically planning rules, due the natural conditions, restoration of areas around it and create conditions for the tourists.
4. There are following requirements of the architectural reserve:
 - Sheki city, To organize the restoration and renovation of monuments in the area of reserve.,
 - Sheki city, to learn monuments:
 - To organize providing the architectural and historical monuments, details and buildings, and use them in modern requirements.
 - To create the photos of architectural monuments, provide them successful .
 - To control the new construction in reserve area , not to allow the restoration of the monuments without permission of Azerb.SSR Ministry of Culture and Azerbaijan State Construction Office.
 - Convention and surrender of project that was prepared by the Scientific Research department of Cultural monuments.
 - On convention the documents of project of the small architectural forms \ draft, advertising, lighting etc., conserve the architecture and construction on the area of the reserve.
 - Organize the excursions, exhibitions, famous scientific publications , booklets, posters etc. compatible with the reserve.
5. The Architectural Reserve and its activities are headed by the director who is appointed by the Ministry of Culture. It consist of the specialists and members of city council under the unit Council.
6. The architectural reserve commits with the public, scientific, scientific and educational etc. organizations.
7. The financial resources of the architectural reserve consists of following ways below:
 - Budget
 - Spending money to the publication, sold souvenirs etc.

8. The reserve has the account from the sold souvenirs, made photos, and workshops.
9. The architectural reserve has its status of juridical person, its stamp and ring seals.

The Order of the President of Azerbaijan Republic about the Socio-Economic Development of Sheki City.

Sheki is one of the ancient and cultural city of Azerbaijan with its rich history. The caravanserais, castles, several towers for protection, mosques, temples, public buildings also Albanian church in Kish village, Sheki Khan Palace , Sheki Kanas' House and hundreds of historical, architectural monuments and buildings are the unique treasure.

Now conservation and restoration of monuments, to ensure unity of environment, protection of historical monuments and to use available historical and cultural strategy is necessary to pay special attention to Sheki city.

Last years social projects were realized, several historical monuments were restored and new hotels, shopping centers and service facilities, Olympic Sport Complex, modular electric power station , industrial enterprise were used yet. The modern hospital with 100 beds will be finished soon.

Restoration and conservation of historical and cultural heritage of city, town-building, holiday, modern reconstruction of infrastructure of tourism in accordance with ancient architectural traditions and in 14th April, 2009 year by Degree #80 of President of Azerbaijan Republic was confirmed. In “ Regions of Azerbaijan Republic in 2009-2013 years socio-economic development of State Program ” according to the decision of Azerbaijan Republic Constitution Article #109, Paragraph # 32, I hereby :

1. Ministry of Cultural and Tourism of Azerbaijan Republic, Executive Power of Sheki City, State Town-building and Architect Committee of Azerbaijan Republic with NAS prepare the suggestion in a month about protecting the style and national and architectural traditions of Sheki city, historical and architectural monuments and its zone, development of population, new residences, sport and resort complexes, cultural and welfare services for population, transport in town, engineering communication networks, constructions in territory of utilities and industrial production, development of city and construction and renovation in the city. To submit to Cabinet of Ministers of Azerbaijan Republic for included in General Plan of Sheki city.
2. To realize the proceedings of general plan of Sheki city till 2030 year for two months of coordinated suggestion of state committee of Executive

Power of Sheki City, State Town-building and Architectural Committee of Cabinet of Ministers of Azerbaijan Republic.

3. To allocate to Executive Power of Sheki City from the reserve foundation of the President of Azerbaijan Republic from the budget of Azerbaijan Republic in 2011 year 5 (five) million manat for socio-economic development of Sheki city.
4. To provide the financing of the third part of the Order by the Ministry of Finance of Azerbaijan Republic.

Ilham Aliyev

The President of Azerbaijan Republic.

12th September, 2011 year, Baku.

The Order of the President of Azerbaijan Republic about the extra proceedings of improvement of the water for watering the fields and drinkable water for population.

Last years in Azerbaijan purposeful proceedings about the increase of the ground efficiently using and purpose of improvement of the water for watering the fields also to satisfy the demand for drinkable water for population were realized.

Now constructed reservoirs Takhtakorpu and Shemkirchay as a result of the commissioning of demand for watering the fields about 200 (two hundred) thousand ha will be improved but more than 50 (fifty) thousand ha of ground will be possible to add in the field.

Only in 2005-2012 years 721 water wells were excavated in 34 cities and 407 settlements, also modular water utilities were constructed for sterilizing ecological and drinkable water in 221 villages with 400 population. Giving the importance of the activities now, Azerbaijan Republic Constitution by the Degree #109, Paragraph # 32, I decide:

1. To allocate 6,0 (six) million manat from the State budget of President of Azerbaijan Republic in 2013 year for Azerbaijan Amelioration and Water Management Public Corporation for population more than 310 thousand on 104 settlements of 29 regions of Republic, improvement of water for watering the field and demanding drinkable water for population in current year for constructing and digging the water wells.
2. To provide to finance the first part of the Order by the Ministry of Finance.
3. To resolve issue of the Order by the Cabinet of Ministers.

Ilham Aliyev
The President of Azerbaijan Republic.

Baku, 15 May 2013.

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“ Infrastructure Program II of Public Utility “

On 25 September, 2006 “ Loan Agreement “ was signed between Government of Azerbaijan Republic and German Development Bank KfW within the “Infrastructure Program II of Public Utility” for reconstruction of water supply and sewage system in Genge and Sheki . About project involvement of advisory service and in order to finance some part of the reconstruction of water supply and sewage system between Azerbaijan Republic and Swiss Confederation government on 25 September, 2006 Grant agreement was signed financial assistance for the project “ Infrastructure Program I and II “. The purpose of the 2nd and 3rd stage of financing of the project between the Government of Azerbaijan Republic and German Development Bank KfW on 20 December, 2012 the Loan Agreement about 100 million Euro and Financing Agreement about 2 million Euro were signed.

According to Sheki city

For the I stage in Sheki some part of water supply system (the construction of the field of water transmission utilities, magisterial pipeline with the length of 2,8 km and restoration of water storage with chlorination plant about 2000 cubic meters) reconstruction was started in 10 December, 2010. Construction was finished on Decembre, 2011.

For the II stage from Kish magisterial line to Gurjana zone magisterial water line about 7 km, with bactericidal mechanism, restoration of the water storage about 1000 cubic meters, construction of 3 new water storage about 9000 cubic meters the international tender procedure was completed with “Azersu” Public Corporation and Winner (“ Afgan” firm and Azer construction of water supply Consortium), contract agreement was signed on 9 October, 2012. All water

and sewage network projects of city were completed. The new loan agreement is intended to realize.

Also construction of wastewater sterilizing utilities with the loan agreement is intended to realize.

The Order of Mayor of Sheki City Of Azerbaijan Republic

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“01” June 2011

About establishing the Council in Sheki under the protection of Sheki Mayor for the purpose of conservation and restoration of ancient architectural tradition of Sheki.

Sheki is one of the ancient cities of Azerbaijan. We can find here rare historical and architectural monuments - caravanserais, bridges, mosques and minarets, baths, constructions of XVIII-XIX c. Some of the historical and architectural monuments , constructions of the city were destroyed for some reason and some monuments were not restored in time so they were also destroyed. Passing the hard period we could protect our rich historical heritage till today and now conservation of historical and architectural monuments and reconstruct in modern of the monuments of Sheki city is the main aim. For this purpose the suggestions of some specialists, city society, intelligent and old people in Sheki city to establish the Council under the protection of Sheki Mayor is appropriate. Considering all above:

Taken a decision

- 1. Establish the Council in Sheki under the protection of Sheki Mayor for the purpose of conservation and restoration of ancient architectural tradition of Sheki.**

Chairman of the Council:

Elkhan Usubov

Mayor of Sheki city

Members:

Yagub Mahmudov

director of the Institute of History of NAS, member of Parliament

Hasan Hasanov	deputy of Sheki city mayor
Firon Aliyev	deputy on socio-economic issues of Sheki city mayor
Zarina Javadova	deputy on education, health and culture of Sheki city mayor
Azad Mammadov	Chairman of the police department
Ilgar Veledov	Chairman of Juridical department of Executive Power of Sheki City
Fikret Jeferov	Municipal chairman of Sheki city
Etibar Akberov	Senior consultant of construction and architecture department of Executive Power of City.
Famil Agayev	chairman of “S. Modus” MCH
Seyran Mammadov	chairman of the territory of Ashaghi Caravanserai “Denmalpfeqe” MCH
Shahid Mammadov	director of Scientific Restoration #4 MCH
Mammed Yusubov	architect in “Azertikintiproject” MCH
Aydin Ibrahimkhalilov	chairman of department of culture and tourism of Sheki city
Tarana Abdullayeva	director of historical and architectural reserve “Yukhari Bash”
Zekeriyye Alizade	director of Science Center of Sheki Region of NAS of Azerbaijan
Sabir Efendiyev	scientist of Science Center of Sheki Region of NAS of Azerbaijan
Irade Mammadova	scientific secretary of Science Center of Sheki Region of NAS of Azerbaijan
Yusif Rehimov	scientist of Science Center of Sheki Region of NAS of Azerbaijan
Shahin Huseynov	director of Yukhari Caravanserai Hotel Complex
Nesif Imamaliyev	director of Sheki Tourism Information Center

Sahib Alishanbeyli	member of Sheki city Municipal Department
Tahir Hamidli	chairman of Azerbaijan Artists Federation of Sheki territory
Mammed Gasimov	Artist
Vahid Ganiyev	chairman of Sheki Council of Elders

2. During 10 days to prepare suggestion about conservation and restoration of monuments by Council.
3. To discuss the result once a week.
4. Carrying out order will be controlled by myself.

Elkhan Usubov

Order #2

Sheki region Council of Elders

Sheki region Council of Elders is the non-governmental organization which is operating with social motivations. The members of Council participate very closed in social and political life of region, educate of young people about their military and patriotism position, solve the social and cultural problem and give an advice the population of the region etc. Now there are 62 groups of Elders which consists of 450 members.

Sheki region Council of Elders consists :

1. Vahid Ganiyev-chairman of Council, retired
2. Mustafa Ahmedov-deputy chairman of Council of Elders, also chairman of the Council of Sheki Organization the 2nd World War, Labor and Armed Force Veterans.
3. Sabir Efendiyev-Member of Council of Elders, chief of Sheki Ethnography Center of NAS Institute of Archeology and Ethnography.
4. Zekeriyye Alizade-Member of Council of Elders, director of Sheki Regional Research Center.
5. Baba Samedov-Member of Council of Elders, machine operator, Presidential retired.
6. Abid abbasov-Member of Council of Elders, retired.
7. Israil Askerov-Member of Council of Elders, retired.
8. Ferahim Garayev-Member of Council of Elders, chief of the Sheki Irrigation System.
9. Haji Selim Seferov-Member of Council of Elders, confessor of territory Skeki-Gebele.
10. Veziyyet Emkishiyev-Member of Council of Elders, retired
11. Abduleli Akhundov-Member of Council of Elders, director of wine mill of Sheki.

Chiefman of Sheki Council of Elders:

Vahid Ganiyev

Agreed by:

R.Nuriyev
Head of Use and Protection of
Historical and Cultural
Monuments Department:

Approved by:

T.Abdullayeva
Head of “Yukhari Bash”
State Historical and
Architectural Reserve:

Annual Work Plan
of
“Yukhari Bash” State Historical and Architectural Reserve for 2015

No.	Content of works to be carried out	Date	Responsible Person	Place of Works	Note
1.	Organize technical inspection of registered and unregistered monuments in the territory of “Yukhari Bash” State Historical and Architectural Reserve, make inventory, and compile acts accordingly.	Up to 15 January	T.Mahmudova and monuments protectors	The Reserve’s territory	
2.	Clarify once again the division of all monuments in located in the Reserve’s territory among protectors.	In January	T.Abdullayeva T.Mahmudova and protectors	The Reserve’s territory	
3.	Ensure constant monitoring over promotion, protection and rational use of the monuments, organize regular talkings with protectors of monuments to further enhance their responsibility.	Every Monday	T.Abdullayeva	Khan Palace	
4.	Supervise over compilation and year-long implementation of the Annual Work Plans for 2015 by the chief fund protector, the scientific worker, and protectors of “Yukhari Bash” State Historical and Architectural Reserve. Listen their reports on works done at the end of each quarter.	End of each Quarter	T.Abdullayeva T.Mahmudova Z.Rasulova	Khan Palace	

5.	Organize voluntary Saturday works twice a month around the monuments in the Reserve.	Periodically	T.Mahmudova and protectors	Reserve's territory	
6.	Contact with scientific institutions and common population to identify new historical and architectural monuments in the Reserve's territory, gather detailed information and compile accurate lists, and use old and new publications for this purpose, and continue the work of gathering toponymes.	Through year	T.Mahmudova Z.Rasulova Protectors	Reserve's territory	
7.	Carry out relevant works for the opening of the Reserve's Website.	I Quarter	T.Mahmudova Z.Rasulova	Reserve	
8.	Strengthen supervision over following the provisions of contracts made in 2014 with heads of enterprises for the use of historical and cultural monuments in the the Reserve's territory, as planned.	Once a quarter	T.Mahmudova Protectors	Reserve	
9.	In connection with the renovation and restoration of the "Intelligentsia House" (the former Ecclesiastical School, which was constructed by owner Mammadsadigh Aliyev), as it was exposed to natural erosions and atmospheric sediments due to being unused for many years, ensure the submission of photos reflecting the current situation with relevant information to the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Azerbaijan Azerbaijan.	I Quarter	T.Abdullayeva T.Mahmudova	Reserve	

10.	Sewing national style clothes for guides and supervisors that accompany tourists to excursions in their visits to the Palace in spring and summer months.	Make order as of January	T.Abdullayeva Jamila	Khan Palace	
11.	Organize a trip event under the title of “Monuments are the Correctors of History”, on the occasion of the 18 April International Reserves Day.	18 April	T.Abdullayeva T.Mahmudova Z.Rasulova B.Zulfugarova E.Məmmədov	Khan Palace and monuments	
12.	Hold scientific and practical conference, named “T’am Azerbaijani” on the occasion of the 92 nd anniversary of the birthday of the National Leader Heydar Aliyev on May 10.	May	T.Abdullayeva T.Mahmudova Z.Rasulova	Historical and Ethnographic Museum	
13.	Hold painting contest named “Monuments in the Eyes of Sheki Artists”.	June	T.Abdullayeva T.Hamidli	Inside Castle Walls	
14.	Organize year-round voluntary Saturday works for improvement, landscaping and cleaning of the Reserve.	Through year	T.Abdullayeva T.Mahmudova	Reserve’s territory	
15.	Organize high-level involvement of the Reserve team members in City-wide events.	Periodically	T.Abdullayeva		
16.	Prepare 30-minute telecast in local and national television channels to promote the Reserve.	April and November	T.Abdullayeva	Şheki “S” TV Channel and one of Republican TV channels	

17.	Establish a Virtual Information Center in order to improve the quality of cultural services provided to tourists.	II Quarter	T.Abdullayeva Z.Rasulova T.Mahmudova	Kiosk in front of Khan Palace	
18.	Organize on regular basis appearances in Mass Media, including in radio and television to promote the ancient cultural heritage of Azerbaijan People.	Periodically	T.Abdullayeva		
19.	Address the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Azerbaijan Republic for issuing guide books, photo albums, historical and chronological essays, calendars, badges and so on in connection with the promotion of the cultural heritage of Sheki.	March	T.Abdullayeva		
20.	Ensure that incomes made of the paid services in the Reserve are spent for the Reserve's needs as of the current year.	Through year	T.Abdullayeva		
21.	Achieve resolution of the documents submitted to the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Azerbaijan Republic for state registration of newly discovered monuments.	End of Year	T.Abdullayeva		
22.	Organize further training courses for the Reserve's staff on the basis of the division by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Azerbaijan Republic.	Periodically	T.Abdullayeva		

23.	Ensure preparation and installation of road signs at different distances on the roads leading to the Khan Palace starting from the Sheki City Highway up to the Palalce.	March	T.Abdullayeva		
24.	Ensure reception of the Reserve's Director and Chief Fund Protector by the Deputy Minister in the course of year.	January and November	T.Abdullayeva T.Mahmudova		
25.	Write interesting articles about the Reserve in the "Madaniyyat" (Culture) Newspaper and the "Madani-Maarif" (Cultural Enlightenment) Magazine.	Periodically	T.Abdullayeva		
26.	Compile albums of photos of monuments made over time in the Reserve.	February	T.Abdullayeva Protectors		

Tarana Abdullayeva
Director, "Yukhari Bash" State
Historical and Architectural Reserve

Approved by:

**Deputy Minister,
Ministry of Culture and
Tourism of Azerbaijan Republic:**

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**WORK and ACTIONS PLAN
of
Sheki Tourism Information Centre for 2015**

No.	Names of Actions	Date to be held	Responsible person and office for arranging actions
1	Participate in international, local tourism exhibitions and trainings taking into account the tourism resources and the potential in the region	As may be required	S.T.I.C Director Specialists
2	Carry out the monitoring of historical monuments existing in the region and retaining their presence, direct tourists to these monuments	Throughout year	S.T.I.C
3	Organize regular meetings, round tables with specialists working in the tourism industry, the museum staff and people working in the services sector	Throughout year	S.T.I.C Specialists

4	Establish relations with Mass Media for valuation of tourism as a priority sector in the economy of the region	Continuously	S.T.I.C Director Specialists
5	Ensure development of advertisement and print products, photo albums and maps for tourists to obtain comprehensive information about the tourist attractions in the North-Western Region of Azerbaijan	Periodically	S.T.I.C
6	For providing support to rural tourism (green tourism) as one of the main areas of Tourism, to organize referral of tourists to the historical and architectural monuments in the villages by providing support to projects development	Throughout year	S.T.I.C Director Specialists
7	Achieve to explore the state of the historical and architectural monuments in the region as a future tourism strategy and target	Permanently	S.T.I.C Specialists
8	Ensure the propagation and promotion of the Region's art, folk, applied art samples for tourists (domestic and foreign)	Permanently	S.T.I.C Specialists
9	Support tourists in their proposals on services, accommodation and other issues by seeking feedback from domestic and foreign tourists in the Region	Always	S.T.I.C Specialists

Decree

On Preservation of the Historical Part of the city of Sheki

Currently, the territory of the Yukhary Bash State Reserve of History and Architecture covering the ancient part of Sheki known as one of the cities of Azerbaijan with centuries long rich heritage, locates many mosques and minarets, caravanserais and craftsmanship workshops, museums and historically important other buildings. The historical and cultural heritage is duly preserved today in the city abound with dozens of art sites located en masse. The vast scale of social and economic progress has increased further the region's tourism potential that made it necessary to be extra cautious to the works carried out in the Reserve's territory due to the change of urban look triggered by new style buildings and the alteration of its specific architecture.

Guided by Item 32 of Article 309 of the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan, **I take the following decision** to preserve the historical appearance of the city of Sheki and the architectural style that have a particular importance of the Azerbaijani culture, transmit it to future generations, and ensure its wider promotion of cultural achievements of the people of Azerbaijan:

1. The Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan shall do the following jointly with the Sheki City Executive Power Authority:

1.1. to prepare within two months proposals related to the adaptation of buildings that harm the architectural value and the style, alter streets network and planned configuration of the Yukhary Bash State Reserve of History and Architecture, and proposals related to the repair or the reconstruction of engineer communication lines as well as to the restoration or the conservation of historical and cultural monuments, and the repair of roads, and present it to the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

1.2. to prepare within one month the proposals related to the allocation of administrative building for the Yukhary Bash State Reserve of History and Architecture or to the funds required for the construction of such a building, and present it to the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

2. Jointly with the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the State Academy of Sciences of Azerbaijan and the Sheki City Executive Power Authority, the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan shall prepare within three months related to the protection and the greening of the natural landscape of the city of Sheki, and present it to the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

3. The Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan shall:

3.1. Approve within three months the action plan related to the development and preservation of the historical part of the city of Sheki;

3.2. Approve within one month the map of the Yukhary Bash State Reserve of History and Architecture;

3.3. Ensure the assigning of a status of a national reserve to the Yukhary Bash State Reserve of History and Architecture;

3.4. Ensure the transfer of financing of the Yukhary Bash State Reserve of History and Architecture from the local expenses of the State budget to the centralized expenses of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the State budget;

3.5. Undertake necessary measures to foster material and logistical support to the the Yukhary Bash State Reserve of History and Architecture;

3.6. Solve other issues stemming out from the present Decree.

Ilham Aliyev
President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

City of Baku, 19 of January 2016
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