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**Application for membership of the Committee on the
Peaceful Uses of Outer Space**

Note by the Secretariat

The present document contains a copy of the application of the Republic of Azerbaijan for membership with the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. The Note Verbale of the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan to the International Organizations (Vienna) containing the application, was received by the Secretariat on 1 April 2011 and was circulated to members States of the Committee in Note Verbale CU 2011/78.

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs and has the honour to inform that the Republic of Azerbaijan has decided to apply for membership of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS).

Azerbaijan, acknowledging the vital importance of the peaceful use of outer space for the sustainable development of the countries, actively participates as an observer in the work of COPUOS and its Subcommittees since 2003.

In the year 2003 Azerbaijan also was a member of the action team established by the COPUOS for the implementation of the recommendations of the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE III). In May 2009 the Government of Azerbaijan hosted a regional workshop on the applications of Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) in the framework of the UN Program on Space Applications, in partnership with the Office for Outer Space Affairs.

Azerbaijan approved the State program on development of space industry and the creation of space communication systems. Azerbaijan works on launching the first national telecommunication satellite "Azerspace" which objective is to lay the groundwork for the use of outer space for peaceful purposes in the country.

Azerbaijan is confident that the membership in COPUOS will help further expand its capabilities in the space technology and applications area as well as make an important contribution to the international cooperation, economic development and social progress. Azerbaijan will demonstrate strong capabilities in the application of space science and technology for development and make valuable contributions to the deliberations in the COPUOS.

The Permanent Mission would be grateful to the Secretariat of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs to circulate the present verbal note among the Member States of COPUOS to inform them about Azerbaijan candidature.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the International Organizations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, March 31, 2011



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