Mr. Petrovsky,

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the Note of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament.

I would be grateful if you could circulate the present letter and the above-mentioned Note as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

Please accept, Mr. Petrovsky, the assurances of my highest consideration.

S. EIVAZOVA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan presents its compliments to the Conference on Disarmament and has the honour to re-affirm that the Republic of Azerbaijan is committed to the aims of the general and complete disarmament under effective international control.

The Republic of Azerbaijan is the State-Party of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, of the Treaty on Conventional Forces in Europe and other arms control agreements. Azerbaijan has learned by its own experience the threats carried by the proliferation of armament, in particular the illegal supplies of heavy armament, during the armed conflict imposed on Azerbaijan by the Republic of Armenia. Azerbaijan considers that the general and complete disarmament is the necessary humanitarian objective, which faces the international community on the threshold of the third millennium and seeks for making its own contribution to the work of Conference.

In this regard, the Ministry applies for the full membership in the Conference on Disarmament.

The Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Conference on Disarmament the assurances of its highest consideration.

Baki, 9 February 1998

Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament
Geneva