AZERBAIJAN-BELGIUM RELATIONS

1991, December 31	- Recognition of Independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan
1992, June 17	– Establishment of Diplomatic Relations
1995	- Opening of the Embassy of Azerbaijan in Belgium
2007	- Opening of the Belgian Embassy in Azerbaijan

Visits of Azerbaijani Officials to the Kingdom of Belgium

1994, May 3-5	 working visit of H.E. Mr. Heydar Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan
1995, May 4-5	 working visit of H.E. Mr. Heydar Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan
1996, April 22-23	 working visit of H.E. Mr. Heydar Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan
2004, May 17-19	 working visit of H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan
2006, November 6-8	 working visit of H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan
2009, April 27-29	 working visit of H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan
2011, June 21-23	 working visit of H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan
2012, February 15	 working visit of H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan
2013, June 20-21	 working visit of H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

2011, December 7	 working visit of H.E. Mr. Elmar Mammadyarov, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan
2012, February 15	 working visit of H.E. Mr. Elmar Mammadyarov, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan
2013, July 22	 working visit of H.E. Mr. Elmar Mammadyarov, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan
2013, December 3	 working visit of H.E. Mr. Elmar Mammadyarov, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Visits of Belgian Officials to the Republic of Azerbaijan

1998, April 13-15	 visit of Mr. Jean-Luc Dehaene, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Belgium
2005, April 6-7	 visit of Herman De Croo, President of the Chamber of Representatives, Belgian Federal Parliament

Inter-Parliamentary Relations

The inter-parliamentary working groups have been established in both parliaments. Head of the working group from Azerbaijani side is Mr. Elkhan Suleymanov and from Belgian side – Philippe Blanchart.

Political Relations

Mr. Geert Muylle, Director General of the Bilateral Affairs Department, paid a visit to Baku on October 4, 2011 and was received by Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan H.E. Mr. Elmar Mammadyarov and Deputy Ministers H.E. Mr. Khalaf Khalafov and H.E. Mr. Mahmud Mammad-Quliyev. Issues of bilateral cooperation, as well as international and regional affairs were discussed at the meetings.

The following political documents have been signed between parties:

- 1. Agreement on the establishment of diplomatic and consular relations between the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium;
- 2. Joint Statement of the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Belgium–Luxembourg Economic Union;
- 3. Joint Statement between the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Prime Minister of Belgium.

Economic Cooperation

In 2013, volume of the international trade between Azerbaijan and Belgium amounted 61.34 million US dollars, where import from Belgium to Azerbaijan was \$58.45 million and export from Azerbaijan to Belgium – \$2.89 million.

The following economic documents have been signed between countries:

- 1. Convention on non-double taxation avoidance between the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Kingdom of Belgium;
- 2. Agreement for promotion and protection of investments between the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium;
- 3. Bilateral agreement on mutual administrative assistance in customs matters between the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium;
- 4. Agreement on air transport between the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium.