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Statement Concerning the Agreement with Azerbaijan Amending the
Agreement of June 6, 2005 Concerning Cooperation in the area of
Prevention of Proliferation of Technology, Pathogens, and Expertise that
Could be Used in the Development of Biological Weapons.

Signed at Baku and Washington September 12 and October 5, 2007.

Entered into force October 5, 2007.

Explanation of Agreement:

The 2005 Agreement provided the terms and conditions under which the Department of Defense (DoD) of the United States of America shall assist the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the area of prevention of proliferation of technology, pathogens, and expertise related to the development of biological weapons. This Amendment increases the amount of funds the U.S. may provide to Azerbaijan by replacing the words "twenty (20) million" in Article III, Paragraph 1 of the agreement, with the words "twenty-two (22) million".

Legal Authority:

The United States Constitution Article II; and the Cooperative Threat Reduction Act of 1993, as amended, 22 U.S.C. 5951-5958.