Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation in the field of statistics between the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Statistics Netherlands (CBS)

The State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Statistics Netherlands (hereinafter referred to as "Parties") agree on the following to promote and develop cooperation between them in the field of statistics, expand exchange of internationally comparable statistical data reflecting social-economic situation of both countries and strengthen mutual relations between statistical bodies of two countries:

Article 1

The Parties shall encourage cooperation within their competence according to national legislation of their States in the following directions:

- continuing joint efforts regarding participation in international programs of technical cooperation;
- exchanging experience and information in the implementation and application of international statistical standards and methods;
- collaborating in scientific and methodological researches and implementing projects of mutual interests.

The Parties may also agree to add other fields for cooperation by mutual agreement.

Article 2

The Parties shall support cooperation in the field of statistics by:

- the exchange of statistical publications, methodological and other relevant materials;
- organization of e-mail exchange, teleconference and study visits of experts to learn the best practice of the other Party;
- interaction within the international organizations.

Article 3

The Parties shall specify the fields of cooperation within this Memorandum of Understanding through the annual Work Plans. The Work Plans shall outline the subject and form of cooperation, technical and financial responsibilities, schedules, and other aspects mutually agreed upon. The costs and expenses incurred in the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be decided jointly according to the specific Work Plans.

The Work Plans shall be approved by signatures of the Parties and shall be considered as an integral part of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 4

Each Party shall designate a coordinator for the conduction of communication and coordination regarding implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 5

Each Party undertakes to respect national legislation of the State of the other Party regarding statistical confidentiality and data protection and guarantees not to disclose or transfer unpublished and undisclosed data to third party without the prior written agreement of the other party.

Article 6

This Memorandum of Understanding does not grant either Party any rights in any patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade names, or service marks of the other Party. The Parties shall enter into separate written agreement to use intellectual property rights of the other Party or to engage in activities, which may result in the joint use of intellectual property.

Article 7

The working language of the activities and communications shall be English. All correspondence regarding the Memorandum of Understanding, as well as all reports shall be produced in English.

Article 8

Any disagreements that may arise during the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled through negotiations and consultations between the Parties.

Article 9

Any additions and amendments may be made to this Memorandum of Understanding by mutual consent of the Parties. Such additions and amendments shall be made in a form

of separate Protocols being an integral part of this Memorandum of Understanding and shall enter into force in accordance with the procedure set force in Article 10 of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 10

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of receipt by the Parties of the last written notification through diplomatic channels confirming the completion of their respective internal procedures required for the entry into force of this Memorandum of Understanding.

This Memorandum of Understanding is concluded for a period of 3 (three) years and shall be prolonged automatically thereafter for the next 3 (three) years unless either of the Parties at least 3 (three) months in advance notifies through diplomatic channels the other Party in written form of its intention to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding.

Signed in Baku on <u>22</u> January 2020, in two original copies, each in the Azerbaijani and English languages, all texts are equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Statistics Netherlands (CBS)

For the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan