DECREES OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC ON APPLICATION OF THE LAW OF THE AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC ON SPEICLALLY PROTECTED NATURAL TERRITORIES AND OBJECTS

Further to the Law of the Azerbaijan Republic On Specially Protected Natural Territories and Objects coming into effect and for the purpose of ensuring implementation of the aforementioned Law, I hereby resolve as follows:

1. To order the Cabinet of Ministers of the Azerbaijan Republic within two months:
   - to prepare and to submit the President of the Azerbaijan Republic proposals on bringing existing acts of legislation into compliance with the Law of the Azerbaijan Republic On Specially Protected Natural Territories and Objects;
   - to ensure bringing normative-legal acts of the Cabinet of Ministers and the relevant executive authorities into compliance with the aforementioned Law and to submit appropriate information to the President of the Azerbaijan Republic;
   - to prepare and to submit the President of the Azerbaijan Republic draft acts of legislation establishing liability for breaches of the Law of the Azerbaijan Republic On Specially Protected Natural Territories and Objects;
   - to prepare and to submit the President of the Azerbaijan Republic draft general regulations on state natural reserves, including biosphere reserves and national parks as stipulated under the fourth section of Article 5 of the aforementioned Code; to approve general regulations on natural parks and state natural restricted areas;
   - to establish rules applicable to the maintenance of the state cadastre and carrying out monitoring over specially protected natural territories and objects as stipulated under the third section of Article 12 of the aforementioned Law;
   - to ensure preparation and approval of the relevant normative-legal acts referred under clause 2 of this Decree within the scope of authorities of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Azerbaijan Republic;
   - to submit the President of the Azerbaijan Republic proposals on executive bodies to exercise authorities of the “relevant executive authorities” referred to in Article 13 of the aforementioned Law;
   - to settle within its authorities other matters arising out of the Land Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

2. To determine that:
   - Authorities of the “relevant executive authority” referred to in the fourth section of Article 6, the fourth section of Article 17, the fourth and the fifth sections of Article 21 of the Law of the Azerbaijan Republic On Specially Protected Natural Territories and Objects shall be exercised by the President of the Azerbaijan Republic;
   - Authorities of the “relevant executive authority” referred to in the fourth section of Article 5 of the aforementioned Law shall be exercised by the
President of the Azerbaijan Republic (with respect to state natural reserves, including biosphere reserves and national parks) and the Cabinet of Ministers of the Azerbaijan Republic (with respect to parks of nature and state natural restricted areas);

- Authorities of the “relevant state authority” referred to in the fifth section of Article 6 of the aforementioned Law shall be exercised by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Azerbaijan Republic (with respect to state natural reserves, including biosphere reserves and national parks) and the State Committee of the Azerbaijan Republic for Ecology and Control Over Use of Nature (with respect to other types of specially protected territories);

- Authorities of the “relevant executive authority” referred to in the fifth section of Article 6 and the third section of Article 8 of the aforementioned Law shall be exercised by the President of the Azerbaijan Republic (with respect to state natural reserves, including biosphere reserves and national parks) and the Cabinet of Ministers of the Azerbaijan Republic (with respect to other types of specially protected territories);

- Authorities of the “relevant executive authority” referred to in the second section of Article 8, the third section of Article 12, the seventh section of Article 17, the second section of Article 20, the fifth section of Article 27, the second section of Article 30, the first section of Article 43, the fifth section of Article 45, as well as authorities of the “relevant state authority” referred to in the fourth section of Article 17 and the fourth section of Article 21 of the aforementioned Law shall be exercised by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Azerbaijan Republic;

- Authorities of the “relevant executive authority” referred to in the fourth section of Article 8, the second paragraph of Article 15, the fifth section of Article 24, the second section of Article 28, the second and the fourth sections of Article 45, as well as authorities of the “relevant state authority” referred to in the fifth section of Article 27 of the aforementioned Law shall be exercised by the State Committee of the Azerbaijan Republic for Ecology and Control Over Use of Nature.

**The President of the Azerbaijan Republic**

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