Azerbaijan - Serbia relations

**Brief historical information on diplomatic relations:**

The Former Yugoslavia recognized the independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan on December 31, 1991. Diplomatic relations between Azerbaijan and Serbia and Montenegro were established on August 21, 1997.

On March 25, 2010 the Ambassador of Azerbaijan in Serbia H.E.Mr. Eldar Hasanov presented his credentials to the President of Serbia. On February 2011 the Embassy of Serbia was opened in Baku. The Ambassador of Serbia in Azerbaijan presented his credentials to the President of Azerbaijan on May 26, 2011.

**High-level mutual visits:**

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31 August - 1 September 2011  Minister of Foreign Affairs of Serbia, Mr. Vuk Jeremic

5-6 September 2011  Minister of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan, Mr. E. Mammadyarov

3-4 November 2011  Minister of Economic Development of Azerbaijan, Mr. Sh. Mustafayev

21 December 2011  Minister of Labor and Social Politics of Serbia, Mr. R. Lyayic and Minister of Agriculture, Trade, Forestry and Water Economy of Serbia, Mr. D. Petrovich

24-25 January 2012  Minister of Economy and Regional Development of Serbia, Mr. Neboisha Chiric

2 February 2012  Minister of Foreign Affairs of Serbia, Mr. Vuk Jeremic

14-15 March 2012  Minister of Economy and Regional Development of Serbia, Mr. Neboisha Chiric

15 March 2012  Minister of Youth and Sport of Azerbaijan, Mr. Azad Rahimov

3-4 May 2012  Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Mr. Elchin Efendiyev

26-27 November 2012  Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign and Domestic Trade and Telecommunications of Serbia, Mr. Rasim Lyayic

28 May 2013  Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Mr. Elchin Efendiyev

1-5 July 2013  Minister of Youth and Sport of Serbia, Mrs. Alisa Maric

Inter-parliamentary relations:
There is an inter-parliamentary working group between Serbia and Azerbaijan, approved by “Milli Majlis”. The chairman of the group is Malahat Ibrahimgizi.

Vladimir Cvijan is the chairman of inter-parliamentary group in Serbian Parliament, which has 20 members.

6-10 July 2011 Vice-chairmen of the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan Mrs.Muradova visited to Serbia.

**Cooperation in the different spheres:**

**Politic sphere:**

6 April 2010 visit of the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan Mr. Araz Azimov to Serbia for politic consultations.

11 May 2011 visit of the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia Mr. Zoran Vuyic to Azerbaijan for politic consultations.

11 October 2012 visit of the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan Mr. Araz Azimov to Serbia for politic consultations.

**The main bilateral documents in the politic sphere:**


The project of “resolution about compliance with international law and the peaceful settlement of the Armenian-Azerbaijani Nagorno-Karabakh conflict” proposed in February 2013 by the Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs of the Parliament of Serbia, chief of Azerbaijan inter-parliamentary friendship group, Vladimir Tsvian, was included to agenda of the Serbian Parliament and the text of resolution was placed in the Parliament's website.

**Economic sphere:**

Azerbaijan-Serbia Intergovernmental Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation was established in 7 June 2011. Co-chairs of Commission are Minister of Economic Development of Azerbaijan Mr. Shahin Mustafayev and Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign and Domestic Trade and Telecommunications of Serbia Mr. Rasim Lyayic. Up till now there were 2 sessions of the Commission. The last session was held in Baku on 26-27 November 2012.
5 Business Forums was held between the two countries. 2010, in Serbia was established Serbia-Azerbaijan Chamber of Commerce. March 2013, Azerbaijan company “Azvirt” started to construction of the part Lyig - Prelyina of the “11th corridor” highway in Serbia.


The share of Serbia in foreign trade turnover of Azerbaijan was 0.07%, including 0.23% for import and 0.0001% for export during the mentioned period. During 2012 the foreign trade turnover with Serbia increased by 8.08 times, including export 8.1 times and import 49.13% compared to 2011.

**The main bilateral documents in the economic sphere:**
3. Agreement between the Governments of Azerbaijan and Serbia on promotion and mutual support of investments. Belgrade, 8 June 2011.


**Humanitarian sphere**
June 2010, the Azerbaijan Cultural Center was established in Belgrade. 2011, thanks to donation of the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the refurbishment and modernization of the park Tashmaydan in Belgrade was done with the built monuments to the national leader of Azerbaijani people Heydar Aliyev and popular Serbian writer-publicist Milorad Pavic.

Furthermore, thanks to donation of Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan, at Belgrade embankment in Novi Sad, the memorial was made and refurbished to the significant Azerbaijani composer Uzeir Hajibeili as well as refurbishment of lower level of the Danube embankment.

2011-2012, thanks to President of the Republic of Azerbaijan H.E. Mr.Ilham Aliyev's instructions and donation of Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the refurbishment was completed Bayrakly Jami in Belgrade, church of Saint Petca in Novi Sad and Cultural center in Novi Pazar.

7-9 February 2013, during an official visit the President of the Republic of Serbia H.E. Mr.Tomislav Nikolic to Azerbaijan was the official opening of the monument of outstanding Serbian scientist and physicist Nikola Tesla in Baku.

22 February 2012 the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan H.E. Mr.Ilham Aliyev received a delegation led by Chairman of Serbia Olympic Committee Vlade Divac. In the meeting was given the international award of a “True friend of the
Balkans” established by “Foundation Ana and Vlade Divac” to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Mr. Ilham Aliyev for his valuable contribution in the comprehensive development of relations between Azerbaijan and Serbia, as well as the Balkan countries and special services in the approaching of Balkan nations.

21-24 August 2012, in the first international festival of sport films “Zlatibor-2012” held in Serbia, Azerbaijan film director Arzu Urshan’s film “Ball sometimes flies and sometimes falls to the ground” was awarded first prize in the festival. 

29 June-2 July 2013, in the second international festival of sport films “Zlatibor-2013” held in Serbia, Azerbaijan film director Rafiq Guliyev’s film “Chovgan” was awarded the first prize. After the demonstration of the film award and diploma were presented to the staff of the Embassy of Azerbaijan in Serbia.

From 2013-2014th academic year, University of Belgrade allocated to the quota for one student (bachelor's, master's or doctoral level) from Azerbaijan.


The main bilateral documents in the humanitarian sphere:

Contractual-legal bases:

24 documents were signed between Azerbaijan and Serbia.

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