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Ratification of the Convention on Integrated Safety, Security and Service Approach at Football Matches and Other Sports Events

On October 1, 2018, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan signed Law on approval of the Council of Europe Convention on an Integrated Safety, Security and Service Approach at Football Matches and Other Sports Events (hereinafter the "Convention").

The implementation of the Convention is directed to organize an overall safety, security and service preparations for UEFA EURO 2020 as a major challenge for the participating, organizing and transit countries. The implementation of the requirements of the Convention is very important for Azerbaijan, since Azerbaijan is one of the organizing countries of UEFA EURO 2020 as well as a number of other regional sports events.

The Convention was opened for signature on July 3rd 2016 in Saint-Denis (France), at a UEFA EURO 2016 quarter-final match and was signed by 14 states on the day of the opening for signature. By the end of September 2017, 26 states signed the Convention and three of them ratified it. According to the Article 17 of the Convention, the Convention enters into force after 3 (three) ratifications, as Poland was the third ratifying country, the Convention entered into force on 1st November, 2017.

The main aim of the Convention is to adopt an integrated, multi-agency and balanced

approach towards safety, security and service based on co-operation between all public and private stakeholders involved in making sport events safe, secure and welcoming, including local communities and supporters. Moreover, for the purpose of the Convention, a Committee on Safety and Security at Sport Events establishes to monitor Parties' compliance with the provisions of the Convention and to give them support and advice in implementing these provisions.

Provisions on implementation of the changes to the Housing Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan

On October 18, 2018, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan signed a Decree on amendments to the Regulation of the Ministry of Economy. The main purpose of this Decree is to ensure and improve measures of the implementation of Housing Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

According to the Decree, the duties of the Ministry of Economy have been extended by additional sub-clause (clause 3.0.63-1)

to monitor compliance of executing entities with the requirements of the Housing Code, to require signing of contracts between owners and executing entities in accordance with the requirements of management of a multi-apartment buildings, to obtain information from the participants of the housing relations in order to analyze and investigate the circumstances of the compliance with the requirements of the relevant legislation, as well as to take necessary measures on matters which arise from the requirements of the relevant legislation.

Further, the Decree assigns the Cabinet of Ministers, within 3 (three) months and in coordination with the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, to determine rules to use funds collected by public legal entities from rendering services and doing works.

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