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## The Council of Europe supports Azerbaijan in establishing the legal framework to combat the financing of terrorism and financial crimes

Strasbourg, 26.10.2006 – The United States Embassy and the Council of Europe in Baku, in close cooperation with the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan, will host a two-day technical seminar on "Establishing a Financial Investigation Unit in Azerbaijan to Combat Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and other Financial Crimes". The seminar will be held at the Hyatt Meeting and Conference Centre on 30 and 31 October.

The event will bring together experts from Azerbaijan, Europe and the United States, to discuss the elaboration and adoption of a new law to combat money laundering and the financing of terrorism, as well as the creation of a specialised financial intelligence unit that complies with international standards and conventions. The United States Department of Justice and the Council of Europe have been supporting the Government of Azerbaijan through their technical assistance and evaluation programmes for many months to develop the legal framework necessary to investigate and prosecute the financing of terrorism and financial crimes.

In addition to contributions from the Azerbaijani hosting authorities, the United States Ambassador Anne Derse and the Council of Europe Special Representative of the Secretary General in Baku, Denis Bribosia, will take part in the seminar.

For more information, see [www.coe.int/economiccrime](http://www.coe.int/economiccrime).

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