



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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With the support of the Government of Azerbaijan (the Commission on Combating Corruption) and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the U.S. Department of Justice and the Council of Europe will hold a public awareness seminar on fighting money laundering and terrorism financing in Azerbaijan as part of AZPAC (Project to Support the Anti-corruption Strategy of Azerbaijan) on Tuesday, July 22, 2008 in the Hyatt Meeting and Conference Center.

The event will start at 09:30 and last until 13:20. **All media representatives are invited to the event.**

The seminar is designed to increase citizen and government awareness of how money laundering and terrorism financing will be tackled and how current legislation in the Milli Majlis (Parliament of Azerbaijan) needs to be implemented. The event will bring together representatives from governmental authorities, the judiciary, law enforcement bodies, civil society and the media. There will be an *inter alia* address by Peter Strasser, former Chief of the U.S. Department of Justice's New Orleans Organized Crime Strike Force, and Daniel Thelesklaf, Council of Europe expert and former Director of the Swiss Financial Intelligence Unit.

For more information, please consult [www.coe.int/economiccrime](http://www.coe.int/economiccrime) or contact the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe in Baku: tel. +994 124 975 489.