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**Extrabudgetary project**

**Strengthening capacity of Azerbaijan to reduce regulatory  
and procedural barriers to trade**

**(for approval)**

**UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE**  
**TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM**

<b>Project title:</b> Strengthening capacity of Azerbaijan to reduce regulatory and procedural barriers to trade						
<b>Expected timing/ duration:</b> December 2023 – December 2025						
<p><b>Objective and summary of the project:</b> The objective of the project is to support the government of Azerbaijan in removing regulatory and procedural barriers to trade. At the 7<sup>th</sup> session of the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards (Geneva, 27-28 June 2023, ECE/CTCS/2022/2), Government of Azerbaijan requested the UNECE to conduct its flagship Study on Regulatory and Procedural Barriers to Trade (RPBT study). The objective of the project is to support the government in establishing institutional and legislative trade frameworks for ensuring successful integration in global value chains. UNECE has been developing national studies on Regulatory and Procedural Barriers to Trade in several SPECA participating States: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and, most recently, Uzbekistan, as well as Armenia and Georgia in the South Caucasus. A full-fledged RPBT Study consists of five to ten chapters. The proposed project will initiate the study with additional fund-raising to be carried out. The objective of the project will be achieved by implementing the following activities:</p> <p>A1.1. Development of a study on regulatory and procedural barriers to trade in Azerbaijan using the UNECE methodology (selected chapters).</p>						
<b>Link to the SDG targets:</b> 17.1, 17.2, 17.10, 17.11						
<p><b>Expected results of the project:</b> EA1. Improved national capacities of Azerbaijan to remove regulatory and procedural barriers to trade.</p>						
<p><b>Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work:</b> The project is directly linked to the objective of Subprogramme 6 “Trade” “to strengthen trade facilitation and electronic business, regulatory cooperation and standardization policies, agricultural quality standards and trade-related economic cooperation in the ECE region and beyond” of the UNECE proposed programme budget for 2024.</p>						
<p><b>Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff):</b> 0.5 month/P4; 0.5 month/G7</p>						
<p><b>Estimated extra budgetary resources:</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center; border: none;">Donor</th> <th style="text-align: center; border: none;">Amount (US\$)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; border: none;">Azerbaijan</td> <td style="text-align: center; border: none;">15,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Donor	Amount (US\$)	Azerbaijan	15,000
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<p><b>Project Manager:</b> Mario Apostolov  06.11.2023</p>	<p><b>Section/Division:</b> Economic Cooperation and Trade</p>					
<p><b>Cleared by Programme Management Unit:</b> Nicolas Dath-Baron  06.11.2023</p>	<p><b>Approved by EXCOM<sup>1</sup></b></p>	<p><b>04.12.2023</b></p>				

<sup>1</sup> See paragraph 31 (a) of Commission decision A(65)

**Annex**  
**Results-based budget for the extra-budgetary project**

<b>Expected Accomplishments</b>	<b>Planned activities</b>	<b>Estimated costs (US\$)</b>
EA1. Improved national capacities on removing regulatory and procedural barriers to trade	A1.1. Development of a study on regulatory and procedural barriers to trade in Azerbaijan using the UNECE methodology (selected chapters)  Travel of staff x 2 missions x \$2,000 International consultant x 2 months \$4,650	13,200  4,000 9,200
Budget summary		13,200
13% of Programme Support Costs		1,716
<b>Total (rounded)</b>		<b>15,000</b>