To the XXIV General Assembly of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society

Dear Delegates of the XXIV General Assembly!

I want to greet and congratulate you with the starting of the AzRCS’s next General Assembly.

The Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society takes a significant place in the current public and social life of our Republic. Adhering to the principles of humanity and voluntarism the Red Crescent Society provides necessary assistance to people in need of care.

One of the main objectives of the government is to improve a social welfare of population of Azerbaijan Republic which is continuously developing. During the recent years significant works have been done towards improving living conditions and welfare of citizens who are in need of social protection, invalids of war and martyr families, refugees and displaced people. At the same time, large-scale activities in the sphere of liquidation of damages to farms in our country as a result of natural disasters such as floods and earthquakes, restoration and rebuilding of the destroyed settlements are being carried out. We solve these problems without outside assistance by relying on economic potential created by our government. The Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society also provides within the limits of its possibility moral and material assistance to citizens facing certain social difficulties and endeavors to perform its tasks in this sphere.

Today, there is a necessary legislation base and favorable condition for effective functioning of the Red Crescent Society in our Republic. As a mark of respect to noble aims and practical activity of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society the 10th of March is celebrated annually as a Red Crescent Day in our country according to a decree of the President of Azerbaijan.

I hope that the decisions of today’s General Assembly will open new opportunities for the activity of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society as well as will strengthen greatly the work of the organization both at national and international levels. I wish the delegates of the General Assembly and all Red Crescent workers in Azerbaijan every success, long and sound health.

Ilham Aliyev
President of Azerbaijan Republic

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