THURSDAY, 4 JUNE 2021, 14:00 – 15:00 (NEW YORK TIME, GMT-4)

SIDE EVENT

ABUSE OF NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE PURPOSES OF CORRUPTION, MONEY LAUNDERING AND TERRORIST FINANCING

The delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan attending the UN General Assembly Special Session on Corruption, invites you to a virtual panel discussion on the topic of “Abuse of non-profit organizations for the purposes of corruption, money laundering and terrorist financing” to be held on 3 June 2021 on the margins of UNGASS on Corruption.

BRIEF CONCEPT OF THE EVENT: Charities and non-profit organizations (NPOs) perform a vital role in our society, providing relief and support to groups of the population in need, and at times of urgent crisis. However, charitable fundraising has also been used sometimes to provide cover for corruption, money laundering and the financing of terrorism.

Proceeding from this understanding, the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) has developed Special Recommendation 8 which requires the laws and regulations that govern NPOs be reviewed so that these organizations cannot be abused for financing of terrorism. FATF has also developed best practices aimed at preventing misuse of NPOs for the financing of terrorism while, at the same time, respecting their legitimate actions.
The side event will primarily focus on major means and methods (including through the use of virtual platforms) employed by corrupt NPOs, practical suggestions for the UN Member States on how to develop effective measures to mitigate the risks of corruption and money laundering in the NPO sector, as well as existing best practices on measures that promote transparency and engender greater confidence in the NPO sector.

**FORMAT OF THE EVENT:** The event will be held on a virtual platform bringing together the members of delegations of UN Member States attending the UNGASS, as well as representatives of international organizations, private sector, civil society and academia. Panel presentations by prominent panelists with diverse professional and academic backgrounds on the respective topic will be followed by interactive discussion with the participants.

**PROGRAMME**

_Welcoming remarks by H.E. Mr. Yashar ALIYEV_
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations

*Moderation by Mr. Yalchin RAFIYEV*
Director of International Security Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan

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**PANELISTS**

- **Mr. Oleksiy FISCHENKO** – Anti-money laundering adviser, UN Office on Drugs and Crime
- **Matthew SHILITO** – Lecturer on Financial Services Law, Liverpool School of Law, the University of Liverpool
- **Dr. Giuseppe LOMBARDO** – International Strategic Advisor on Financial Integrity
- **Ms. Vanja SKORIC** – Programme Director, European Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ECNL)
- **Mr. Fuad ALIYEV** – Director of Cooperation Department, Financial Monitoring Service, the Republic of Azerbaijan

**REGISTRATION:** Those wishing to register for the event should send an e-mail containing the name, surname and affiliation of the person to the following focal point:

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Registered participants will receive a link for joining the event.