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(b) Environment finance and partnership to support
the implementation of environmental policy and programmes

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I think all countries have the long history of creating security doctrines but only now the environment security concerns become to take important, if not, most important part of such documents. Actually all levels of the environment challenges as global, regional and local, directly interrelated and have a characteristic of transition from one to another.

Each level of the environment challenge demands the adequate and effective reaction. Without understanding the global essence of the problems we will not be able to solve them at the regional and national levels. At the same time for the solving the local problems we have to take urgent measures for preventing their transfer to the regional and global level.

Each level demand understanding of the situation, accumulation of the adequate efforts and resources at local, regional and global levels. And there is no excuse for any special position for absence of the actions on the local level. One more concern is that global environmental challenges have a strong impact on all countries and nations. Although the input of countries and nations are not always equal. Regional challenges often become the bricks for creating the global environment challenges. Why countries should coordinate their activities not only because of necessity of responsible attitude towards the situation on its territory. This responsible attitude should exclude such approach as "what is happening at others territories, as a result of doings at my territory doesn't disturb me". We think that the majority of the global problems come out from the national ones and it is necessary to continue efforts to solve them on national or local levels without waiting, when actions will be taken globally.

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Let me now go to the cases.

Global level -

- Climate change (radical warming results with increasing number and power of floods and torrents (the floods' frequency in the Great Caucasus had increased twice from the middle of the last century). Are enough clear evidences that fluctuation of Caspian sea directly related global warming side effects and during last thirty years level of sea rose up to 2,5 meter and when dropped for 1,5 meters. About tens of thousand hectares of the land remains under water (the challenge of the economic security - financial loss made approximately two billion USD) - (transition to national and local level – infrastructure degradation, loss of the agricultural lands) that in the end lead to the ecosystem erosion and as a result to the social tension.

Regional level -

- Inefficient management of the transboundary water resources of Kura/Araz leads to the excessive pollution and utilization of the polluted water by the population what in its term lead to direct danger for the health of population as well as to the Caspian Sea-pollution, to the degradation of its biodiversity and decreasing of the bio-resources.

Of course, our government puts all efforts to react on the regional challenges on the national level.

We undertake measures for preventing or mitigation their negative impacts. One of samples of such efforts related with urgent national drinking water plan by which installation of modular purification systems to supply with clean water for 450 thousand people living by side Kura river.

National level

Good sample of local environmental challenge is situation with Sarsang water reservoir located at Upper Karabakh and now is under occupation and are a result of that we get release a big water by winters when nobody expect it, with damaging roads and villages and with cutting water by summers, when it must needed.

Other case of environmental challenge on national level is related with situation with hazardous waste management. In this case national level challenge has national level of resolution. Already have been established

the hazardous waste management center based on best international standards and works in this sector going on fast enough.

I cannot tell no words on the direct theme of the discussion - Environment finance and partnership to support the implementation of environmental policy and programmes. Sometimes, institutions in charge of project implementation use the funds provided by donors rather for some auxiliary issues while the essence of the problem is left aside

We support more reasonable approach to the matters in financing the different environmental activities. Indeed the loss of biodiversity is the direct danger for the security. And if for protection of such important species like leopard have been spend a lot of finance for taking its photo, I have a question - how the leopard feel itself in a such situation and what is relation between the process of photography and leopard's security?. Let me to answer on this question. I suppose at the best the leopard don't feel any relief and in the worst way intrigued by the boom around this animal, people during eight months of 2005-2006 killed two leopards (the first lime for the last 14 years) with hope to sell them to the nature conservation photographing team supposing naively that it is better to have the animal itself that its picture.

Many projects would be much more economic and efficient from financial point. I am talking about very concrete cases when comparatively small budgets earmarked by the government was effectively used to develop all infrastructures of the newly established national parks including good visitors center offices, museum and training center, to tell with one word, provides more tangible results, when enormous funds make 10 times as much amounts spent by an institution assigned to implement a project sponsored by well known multinational cooperation operating in the country. Therefore, better and close coordination with national authorities responsible for national strategy and policy is crucial.

From the other side we absolutely open for all shareholders interested sides.

Thank you!