**Order**

**of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan**

**on visa simplification procedures for foreigners and stateless**

**persons arriving in the Republic of Azerbaijan with the aim to**

**organize and hold the World Chess Olympiad**

Guided by Clause 32 of Article 109 of the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan, I hereby resolve as follows:

1. Determine that foreigners and stateless persons arriving in the Republic of Azerbaijan in connection with the World Chess Olympiad may obtain a visa from the structural units of the Consular Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan located at the international airports of the Republic of Azerbaijan.
2. Consider one of the following documents as a basis for visa issuance:
   1. An official invitation letter of the Operating Committee of Baku Chess Olympiad;
   2. A document confirming accreditation obtained in accordance with relevant rules of the International Chess Federation (FIDE)
3. People who have one of the documents mentioned in the 2nd part of this Order can apply for a visa from August 20 to September 20, 2016.
4. Oblige the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan to settle logistic and financial matters related to visa issuance at the international airports of the Republic of Azerbaijan for people arriving in the Republic of Azerbaijan in connection with the World Chess Olympiad.
5. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan should:
   1. inform the International Chess Federation (FIDE), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and relevant institutions of foreign countries about visa simplification procedures for people arriving in the Republic of Azerbaijan in connection with the World Chess Olympiad;
   2. ensure publication of information about visa simplification procedures for people arriving in the Republic of Azerbaijan in connection with the World Chess Olympiad at the web pages of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan, as well as its Embassies and Consulates abroad.
6. State Migration Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan should inform airlines arranging flights to the Republic of Azerbaijan about the visa simplification procedures for persons arriving in the Republic of Azerbaijan in connection with the World Chess Olympiad.

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President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Baku, 18 April, 2016

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