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**International Conference  
“Universal Periodic Review: present situation in Azerbaijan and future steps”**

**11 July 2013**

**INVITATION**

It is a great pleasure for us to invite you to attend the international conference: “**Universal Periodic Review: Situation in Azerbaijan and Future Steps**” that will take place on **17 July 2013, 10.00-13.00**, in the conference hall of the **Grand Hotel** located on 67 Zerberpalan Street, Baku (Fuzuli Square, near Azerbaijan State Drama Theatre).

Organized by the Human Rights Club, the Women's Association for Rational Development, the Legal Education Society and the Institute for Reporters' Freedom and Safety, and supported by the Human Rights House Foundation and the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), the conference will discuss the situation of human rights in Azerbaijan in the context of the Universal Periodic Review, the advocacy activities and the future steps. The United Nations (UN) Special Rapporteur on freedoms of peaceful assembly and association, Maina Kiai will attend the conference and deliver a speech. The conference agenda is attached to this invitation where you can see other details.

The expected participants of the conference will include human rights defenders, journalists, and representatives of diplomatic corps and state agencies.

Please confirm your participation by writing to [humanrightsclub.az@gmail.com](mailto:humanrightsclub.az@gmail.com) or calling (050) 586 35 37 by the close of business day on July 16, 2013. Should you have any questions

or suggestions related to the conference contact us at the above e-mail address or phone number.

**Sincerely,**

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