

Azerbaijan - Belgium relations

Brief information on diplomatic relations:

December 31, 1991 - recognition of Independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan

June 17, 1992 - establishment of Diplomatic Relations

1995 – Opening of the Embassy of Azerbaijan in Belgium

2007 – Opening of the Belgian Embassy in Azerbaijan

High-level mutual visits:

Heads of states:

May 3-5, 1994 - working visit of the President H.E.Mr. H.Aliyev

May 4-5, 1995 - working visit of the President H.E.Mr. H.Aliyev

April 22-23, 1996 - working visit of the President H.E.Mr. H.Aliyev

May 17-19, 2004 - working visit of the President H.E.Mr. I.Aliyev

November 6-8, 2006 - working visit of the President H.E.Mr. I.Aliyev

April 27-29, 2009 - working visit of the President H.E.Mr. I.Aliyev

June 21-23, 2011 - working visit of the President H.E.Mr. I.Aliyev

February 15, 2012 - working visit of the President H.E.Mr. I.Aliyev

June 20-21, 2013 - working visit of the President H.E.Mr. I.Aliyev

Heads of Governments:

April 13-15, 1998 - visit of Mr. J.-L.Dehaene

Heads of the Parliaments:

April 6-7, 2005 - visit of H. de Kroo, President of Chamber of Representatives of Kingdom of Belgium

Foreign Affairs Ministers:

December 7, 2011 - working visit of FM H.E.Mr. Elmar Mammadyarov

February 15, 2012 - working visit of FM H.E.Mr. Elmar Mammadyarov

July 22, 2013 - working visit of FM H.E.Mr. Elmar Mammadyarov

Inter-parliamentary relations:

There are inter-parliamentary working groups established in both parliaments. Head of the working group from Azerbaijani side is Mr. Elkhan Suleymanov. His Belgian counterpart is Philippe Blanchart.

Political cooperation:

Mr. Geert Muylle, Director General of the Bilateral Affairs Department, paid a visit to Baku on October 4, 2011 and was received by Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan H.E.Mr. Elmar Mammadyarov and deputy Ministers H.E.Mr.K.Khalafov and H.E.M.Mammad-Guliyev. Issues of bilateral cooperation, as well as international and regional affairs were discussed at the meetings.

Signed documents:

1. Agreement on the establishment of diplomatic and consular relations between the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium.
2. Joint Statement of the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Belgium–Luxembourg Economic Union.
3. Joint Statement between the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Prime Minister of Belgium.

Economic cooperation

Trade turnover:

Volume of the trade turnover between Azerbaijan and Belgium was \$ 60,22 million in 2012

Import: \$ 57.54 million

Export: \$ 2.68 million

Signed documents:

1. Convention on non-double taxation avoidance between the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Kingdom of Belgium.
2. Agreement for promotion and protection of investments between the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium.
3. Bilateral agreement on mutual administrative assistance in customs matters between the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium.
4. Agreement on air transport between the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium.

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