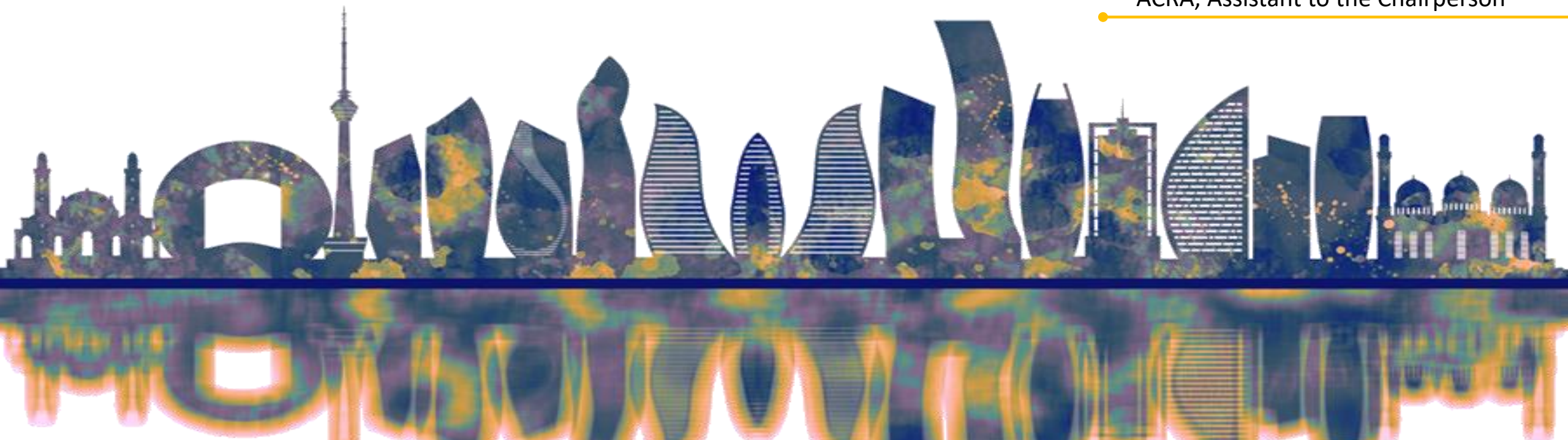




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COUNTRY REPORT

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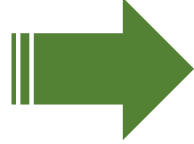
LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK



- ❖ The Law on Media
 - ❖ The Law on Public Television and Radio Broadcasting
 - ❖ The Law on Advertising
 - ❖ The Law on Protection of Children from Harmful Information
 - ❖ The Law on Protection of Intellectual Property Rights and the Fight Against Piracy
 - ❖ The Code of Administrative Offences
 - ❖ The Election Code
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TYPES OF MEDIA ENTITIES

❖ Audiovisual media entities



TO BE LICENSED BY ACRA



❖ Online media entities

❖ Print media entities

❖ Information Agencies



TO BE REGISTERED BY MDA





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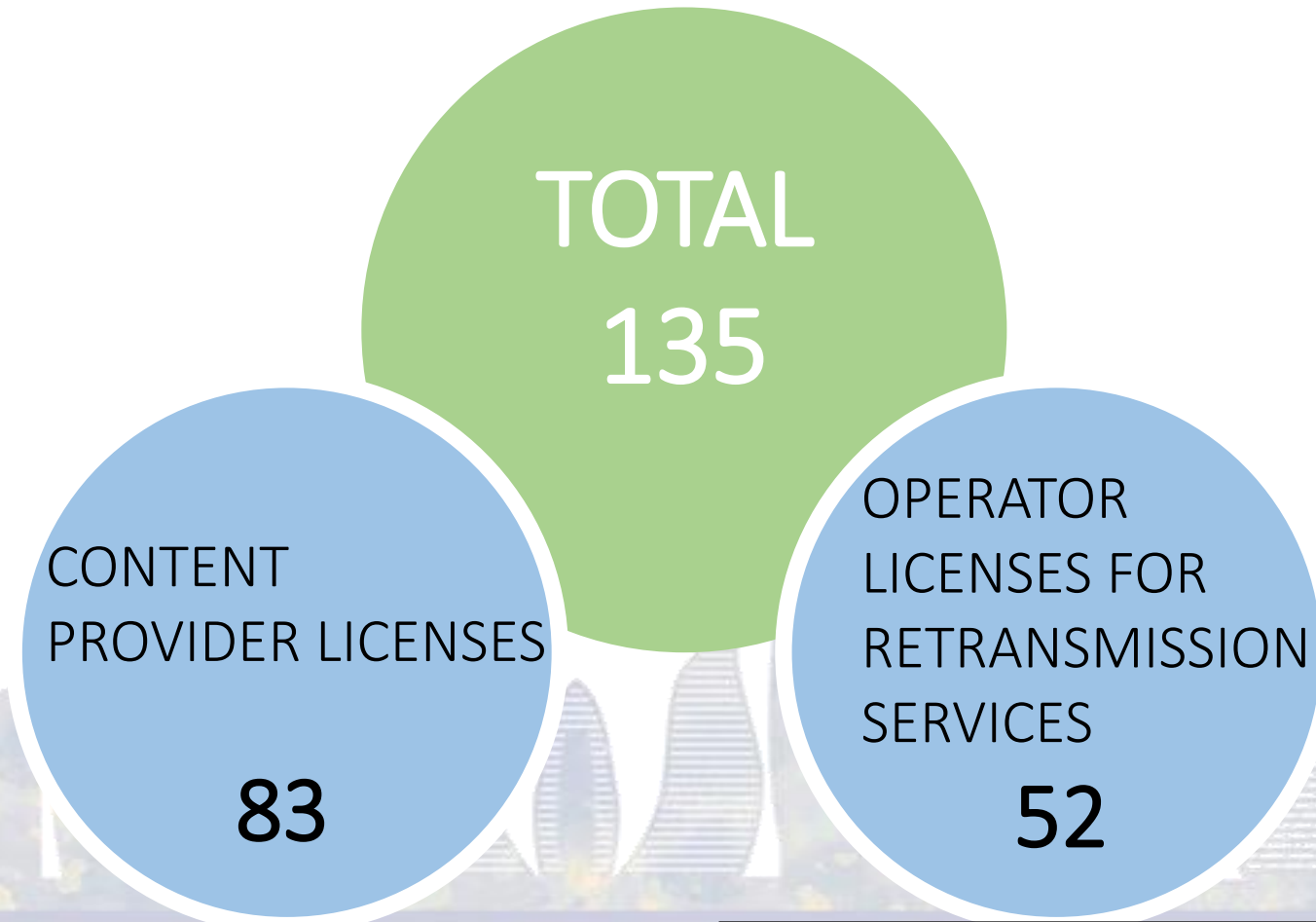
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- ❑ Members of the Council are appointed by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Not more than twice in a row
- ❑ The term of office of the members is 5 years.
- ❑ The Chairperson of the Council is elected by the members of the Council by a simple majority of votes

MAIN DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL:

- ✓ Policy-making in the field of audiovisual media
- ✓ Licensing of audiovisual media entities
- ✓ Monitoring of audiovisual programs
- ✓ Carrying out radio frequency planning
- ✓ Imposing sanctions on entities that have breached legislation
- ✓ Conducting on-site inspection (if necessary) etc.

AUDIOVISUAL MEDIA LICENSES



Responsible for the content
they broadcast

Not responsible for the content
they retransmit

CONTENT PROVIDER'S LICENSES:

- Nationwide Terrestrial TV -----11
- Regional Terrestrial TV ----- 10
- Nationwide Terrestrial Radio ----- 19
- Regional Terrestrial Radio ----- 4
- Satellite TV ----- 13
- Platform TV ----- 21
- On-demand media providers ---- 5

OPERATOR'S LICENSES:

- Platform (cable, IPTV, OTT) operators – 50
- Multiplex (DTT) operators -----2

MEASURES IN RESPONSE TO A LEGAL VIOLATION

- ❖ WARNINGS – 112 cases (3 official and 108 verbal warnings)
- ❖ SUSPENSION OF THE BROADCASTING – 3 cases
- ❖ FINES – 14 cases (totally \$41,000)



THE LARGEST FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM STATE BUDGET IN THE HISTORY OF RADIO BROADCASTING IN AZERBAIJAN

❖ The Presidential Order dated 24 July 2023

- ≡ 13,7 million manat (≈ 8,1 million USD) allocated from state budget for expansion of the radio broadcasting network
- ≡ Operational expenses of radio broadcasters for 3 years are set to be covered by state budget

❖ Within the implementation of the Order newly installed:

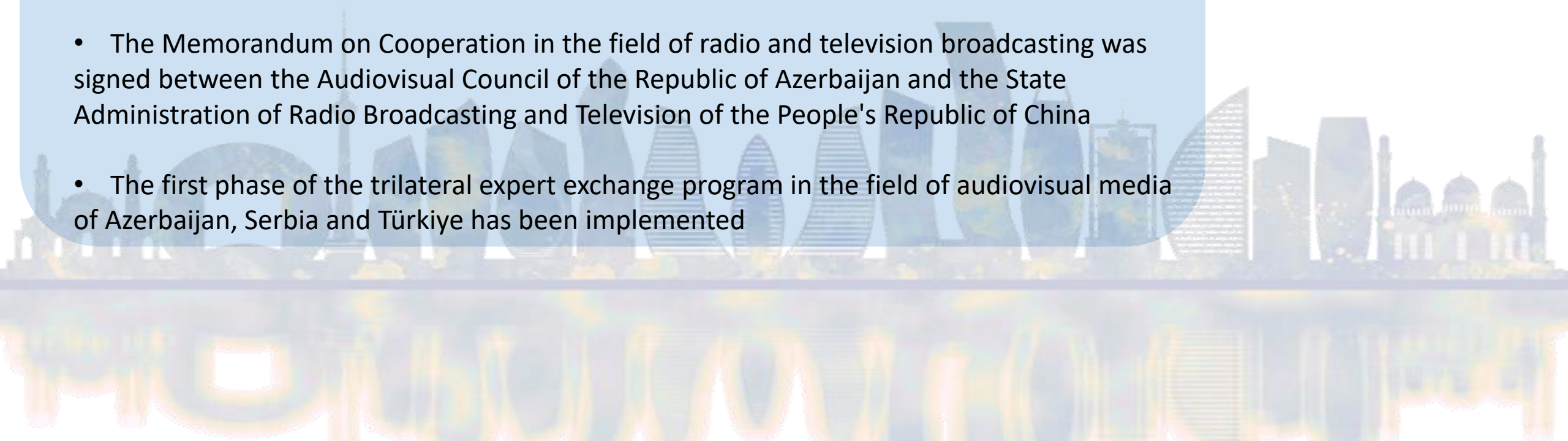
- ≡ 176 FM radio transmitters
- ≡ 60 antenna systems
- ≡ 48 combining units
- ≡ 67 satellite equipment devices
- ≡ 44 RDS devices

❖ Final results:

- ≡ 17 radio-television transmission stations are fully and 5 stations are partly renewed and equipped.
- ≡ 127 new radio frequencies are allocated.
- ≡ 15 national radio stations are now broadcasting nationwide.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION



- ACRA participated in the International workshop “Women's representation in media” which was held in Ankara
 - The 11th meeting of BRAF was held in Baku
 - ACRA represented at the 61st Meeting of EPRA was held in Chişinău
 - The Memorandum on Cooperation in the field of radio and television broadcasting was signed between the Audiovisual Council of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the State Administration of Radio Broadcasting and Television of the People's Republic of China
 - The first phase of the trilateral expert exchange program in the field of audiovisual media of Azerbaijan, Serbia and Türkiye has been implemented
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THANK YOU !

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