Dear Armen Abgarovich!

Dear guests, friends!

The fight against AIDS and other infections constitutes one of the directions for the international humanitarian cooperation of the Russian Federation as well as one of the priority tasks for the international society. By gradually augmenting our assistance to other countries in their response to infectious diseases, our country devotes special attention to the cooperation with our nearest partners, the CIS countries.

Today we are witnessing a truly significant event: the transfer of a treatment and diagnostic clinic from the Russian Federation to the Republic of Armenia. Russia and Armenia share a common objective to protect the health of their citizens and create a common system to prevent and fight infectious diseases. Reduction of the impact of infections diseases in Armenia is the key objective of this project being carried out within the Russia’ target contribution to UNAIDS in the amount of $16.5 million.

The donation of the treatment and diagnostic clinic to the Republic of Armenia marks the dawn of a new era in bilateral cooperation between Russia and Armenia. With this project Armenia gets hold of a state-of-the-art mobile clinic with a set of medical and diagnostic equipment along with medicinal products and other medical goods. The mobile clinic is capable of extend medical aid to the most remote and hard-to-reach areas of the Republic.

I am absolutely positive that this project will promote further cooperation between our countries and helps us in our endeavor to protect health of our people and give a powerful response to infectious diseases.

The clinic will become an addition to what has already been done within the program financed by the Russian Government since 2013. The Russian Federation intends on extending its assistance and developing cooperation with the Republic of Armenia in this area as well as others. As early as this year the Russian Agency for Health and Consumer Rights (Rospotrebnadzor) will extend its assistance to the healthcare bodies of Armenia to implement measles liquidation program based on the Decree of the RF Government.

In conclusion, let me express my profound gratitude to the Ministry of Health of Armenia, the Republican AIDS Prevention and Treatment Center, Rospotrebnadzor, the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation and the non-governmental organization AIDS Inforshare for making the today’s transfer happen. I wish new successes to the project, and I wish health, prosperity and well being to the people of Armenia.