

## **DECISION**

### **of Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan**

#### **on the establishment of Expert Group under Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to investigate the complaints against the actions (inactions) and decisions violating citizens' suffrage in the Municipal Elections appointed to December 23, 2014**

By decision of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan (CEC), dated October 21, 2014, the following Municipal Elections in the Republic of Azerbaijan was appointed to 23 December 2014.

Pursuant to the election legislation, Expert Groups shall be established under election commissions within the period and manner defined by legislation in the aim of investigating the complaints against the actions (inactions) and decisions violating citizens' suffrage.

Pursuant to Article 112-1.1 of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan and item # 5.1 of Instruction "On filing the appeals and complaints on the violation of suffrage to the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Constituency Election Commissions and their consideration by these commissions", Expert Groups shall be established consisting of 9 persons under the CEC and 3 persons under the Con.EC which include lawyer members of the relevant election commissions that function during every election (referendum), as well as other members of election commissions who meet the principles as professionalism, proficiency of conducting precise factual and legal analysis, practice in the field of elections, public confidence in impartiality of his/her activity and Secretariat officials for investigating the complaints against the actions (inactions) and decisions violating citizens' suffrage.

In the aim of increasing the fairness and efficiency of investigating such complaints and appeals entered the election commissions, it is essential to establish relevant Expert Groups in the above-mentioned manner. Therefore, Expert Group consisting of 9 persons indicated in the consequence part of the decision and who meet the above-mentioned requirements shall be established and the relevant Con.ECs shall be commissioned with the establishment of Expert Groups under these election commissions, consisting of 3 persons who meet the relevant requirements not later than the period implied in legislations.

By adopting the above-mentioned as a basis and pursuant to Articles 19.4, 19.14, 28.2, 28.4, 112-1.1 of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan and item # 5.1 of the above-mentioned Instruction, CEC **decides**:

1. In the aim of investigating the complaints against the actions (inactions) and decisions violating citizens' suffrage, Expert Group shall be established in the following composition consisting of 9 persons under CEC during the following Municipal Elections, appointed to 23 December 2014:

Ramiz Ibrahimov – Member of Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Gabil Orujov - Member of Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Valida Kazimova - Member of Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Tofiq Hasanov - Member of Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Bakhsheyish Asgarov - Member of Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Irada Hajiyeva - Head of Law department of the Secretariat of Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Rafiq Abbasov – Chief adviser of Law department of the Secretariat of Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Ilkin Shahbazov – Leading advisor of Law department of the Secretariat of Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Samir Taghiyev – chief adviser of Monitoring department of the Secretariat of Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan

2. The establishment of Expert Group under the Con.ECs during the short period which meet the relevant requirements shall be undertaken by these election commissions.

3. The decision shall be enforced upon its publication.

CEC Chairman

Mazahir Panahov

CEC Secretary

Arifa Mukhtarova

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