

**Decision**  
**of Press Group under Central Election Commission of the**  
**Republic of Azerbaijan**

**on the adoption of Statement “on the importance of complying**  
**with legislation requirements on pre-election campaign by mass**  
**media in the Presidential Elections of the Republic of Azerbaijan to be**  
**held on October 9, 2013”**

During the pre-election period, Central Election Commission has addressed the relevant bodies and persons on the importance of role of mass media in the conduct of democratic, free, fair and transparent elections and the essence of their activity in comply with legislation and in general, the process is carried on in accordance with the legislation.

Press Group under Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan revealed some law violations at the result of the submitted information and conducted monitoring.

So that, competent foreign mass media like “Azadlig radio TV”, “Voice of America” and BBC radio stations broadcasted within the republic which are not entitled to participate in pre-election campaign in comply with the Election Code have recently conducted illegal and anti-campaign in many incidents under the name of publicizing election process, thus becoming the representatives of some political interests, they violate voters’ rights to get impartial information.

Therefore, a statement shall be adopted, these mass media and other media agencies shall focus further on the legislation requirements and the statement shall be publicized for preventing this illegal activity.

Pursuant to Article 74.4 of the Election Code, Regulation “On the Press Group under Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan for the control on abidance by the rules for the conduct of pre-election campaign in mass media” and upon the above-mentioned, Press Group functioning under Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan **d e c i d e s**:

1. Statement of Press Group under Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On the importance of complying with the legislation requirements on pre-election campaign by mass media in the Presidential Elections of the

Republic of Azerbaijan to be held on October 9, 2013” shall be adopted.

2. Statement shall be publicized.

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