

## DECISION

of Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan  
on the establishment of Expert Group under Central Election  
Commission to investigate the complaints against the actions (inactions) and decisions  
violating citizens' election rights in the Municipal Elections appointed to  
December 23, 2019

By decision of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan (CEC), dated October 18, 2019, the next Municipal Elections in the Republic of Azerbaijan was appointed to 23 December 2019.

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 in the election process.

Pursuant to Article 112-1.1 of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan and items # 5.1 and 5.2 of the Instruction "On the rules for filing the appeals and complaints on the violation of election right 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 are not lawyer) 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 under CEC 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 legislation.

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 items # 5.1 and 5.2 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 during the Municipal Elections, appointed to 23 December 2019:

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

Valida Kazimova – Member of Central Election Commission  
of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

Ilham Mammedov – Member of Central Election Commission  
of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

Gabil Orujov – Member of Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

Bakhsheyish Asgarov – Member of Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

Tofiq Hasanov – Member of Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

Ilkin Shahbazov – Member of Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

Rafiq Abbasov – Head of Law Department of CEC Secretariat of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

Naila Asgarova – Chief consultant of Law Department of CEC Secretariat of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

2. The establishment of Expert Group of 3 persons under the Con.ECs not later than the timeframe defined in the legislation shall be undertaken by Con.ECs.
3. The decision shall be enforced upon its publication.

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CEC Secretary	Arifa Mukhtarova
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