

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

**on the establishment of Expert Group under the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the aim of investigating the complaints and decisions of the actions (inactions) violating citizens' electoral rights in Elections of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan appointed to 9 October 2013**

By Decision of Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan, dated 2 August 2013, forthcoming elections of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan have been appointed to 9 October 2013. Pursuant to 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 and decisions of the actions (inactions) violating citizens' electoral rights.

Pursuant to Article 112-1.1 of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan and item # 5.1 of Instruction "on submitting 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", at least 60 days before voting day, Expert Groups shall be established consisting of 9 persons under the CEC and 3 persons under the Con.EC in the aim of investigating the complaints of the actions (inactions) and decisions violating citizens' electoral rights which include lawyer members of the relevant election commissions that function during every election as well as other (non-lawyer) members of election commissions who meet the principles as professionalism, proficiency of conducting precise factual and legal analysis, practice in the field of elections, high public confidence in impartiality of his/her activity and Secretariats officials.

In the aim of increasing the fairness and efficiency of investigating the complains and appeals entered election commissions related with the violation of election right, it is necessary to establish appropriate Expert Groups in the above-mentioned manner. Therefore, Expert Groups (answering to the above-mentioned demands) consisting of 9 persons indicated at the summary part of this decision under the Central Election Commission shall be established and not later than the period implied by legislation, Constituency Election Commissions shall be commissioned with the establishment of Expert Groups consisting of 3 persons which meet the relevant requirements.

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, Central Election Commission of Azerbaijan Republic decides:

1. In the aim of investigating the complaints of the actions (inactions) and decisions violating citizens' suffrage, Expert Group shall be established in the following composition consisting of 9 persons under Central Election Commission during elections of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, appointed to 9 October 2013:

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

Emin Guliyev – Chief adviser of Law department of the Secretariat of Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan

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

2. Not later than the period implied by legislation, Constituency Election Commissions shall be commissioned with the establishment of Expert Groups consisting of 3 persons which meet the relevant requirements.

3. Decision shall be enforced since the day of its publication.

Chairman Mazahir Panahov

Secretary Arifa Mukhtarova

Secretary Mikayil Rahimov