## **DECISION**

of Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan on consideration of the appeal # 12 submitted to the Central Election Commission on January 8, 2020 in the Elections to the MilliMajlis of the Republic ofAzerbaijan on February 9, 2020

By applying to the Central Election Commission (CEC) on January 8, Rahimli Murad Ilgar, self-nominee to deputy on Sumgayit first Con.EC # 41 in the Elections to the MilliMajlis of the Republic ofAzerbaijan, appointed to February 9, 2020argued the decision # 4/17, dated January 7, 2019 by Sumgait first Con.EC # 41 on the refusal from the approval of his candidacy to deputyand therefore, requested toremedy his violated rights and to register his candidacy upon annulling that decision.

The complaint was adopted for the implementation in comply with Articles 112 and 1121 of the Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan and "Instruction on the rules for filing appeals and complaints to the Central Election Commission and Constituency Election Commissions of the Republic of Azerbaijan and their consideration", relevant opinion was provided on this issue by a member of the Expert Group under CEC and considered at the Commission session.

During the investigation process registered candidate the plaintiff was contacted with, informed on his rights to take part at the investigation and session, also the time of the session.

Candidate M.I.Rahimli noted in his appeal that he nominated his candidacy on his own initiative on Sumgait first Con.EC # 41 in the Elections to the MilliMajlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan on February 9, 2020, submitted signature sheets with collected signatures of voters within that constituency and other necessary documents to the Con.EC, but it was unreasonably refused to register his candidacy due to the relevant decision of Con.EC.

The relevant documents on the appeal of M.I. Rahimli were required from the Con.EC and investigated. It was determined that the Con.EC decision# 4/17 dated January 7, 2020 of the Con.EC refusal of registration of the candidacy was adopted in comply with the requirements of the Election Code.

Pursuant to Article # 147.1 of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan, at least 450 signatures of the voters within the constituency where the candidate has been nominated shall be collected in support of the candidate.

Based on the afore-mentioned, legal grounds have been established to ensure the appeal and to cancel the contested decision of the Con.EC.

Thus, based on the results of the investigation, the complaint shall be implemented as it is grounded, the decision# 4/17 dated January 7, 2020 of the Constituency Election Commission on refusal of registration of M.I. Rahimli as a candidate shall be canceled and he shall be registered as a candidate on that election constituency.

Pursuant toArticles 19.4, 28.2, 59, 60, 112, 112-1, 147 and 148 of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan and items 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7 of the "Instruction on the rules for filing appeals and complaints to the Central Election Commission and Constituency Election Commissions of the Republic of Azerbaijan and their consideration" the Central Election Commission **decides**:

- 1. The appeal # 12 submitted by January 8, 2020 by Rahimli Murad Ilgar, self-nominee to deputy on Sumgait first Con.EC # 41 in the Elections to the MilliMajlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan, appointed to February 9, 2020 shall be implemented and the Con.ECdecision # 4/17, dated January 7, 2019 on the refusal from registering the candidacy shall be annulled.
- 2. The candidacy of Rahimli Murad Ilgar, self-nominee to deputy on Sumgait first Con.EC # 41 shall be registered.
- 3. The decision shall be enforced upon its publication

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