

## DECISION

### **of Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the registration of Center of Independent Assistance and Adviser for “Protection of Civil Society” joint with “Opinion Way” Sociological Research Institute (France) conduct “exit poll” in nation-wide voting day (referendum) of the Republic of Azerbaijan on September 26, 2016**

Center of Independent Assistance and Adviser for “Protection of Civil Society” applied to the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan and asked to be registered in the aim of holding “exit poll” joint with “Opinion Way” Sociological Research Institute (France) in nation-wide voting day (referendum) of the Republic of Azerbaijan on September 26, 2016. The appeal together with the necessary documents for the accreditation was submitted to CEC on August 29, 2016.

The Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan has conducted relevant investigation on this in a manner and time period defined by legislation and determined the legal grounds for the registration of the organization.

Pursuant to Article 25.2.23 of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan, requirements have been identified by the Central Election Commission for the accreditation of the organizations intending to hold “exit poll” basing on “Rules for the accreditation of the organizations conducting “exit poll” in elections within the Republic of Azerbaijan”. Since the submitted documents are responding to the requirements of those Rules, the appeal of Center of Independent Assistance and Adviser for “Protection of Civil Society” on accreditation shall be implemented.

According to items # 1 and 2.3 of these Rules, written appeals of the organizations intending “exit poll” shall be considered within 10 days, the documents submitted together with the appeal shall be investigated and grounded decision shall be adopted on the accreditation or refusal from accreditation of the relevant organization.

Taking the above mentioned as a basis, pursuant to Articles 19.4, 19.14, 25.2.23, 28.2, 28.4 of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan, as well as items # 1 and 2.3 of the above-mentioned Instruction, CEC decides:

1. Center of Independent Assistance and Adviser for “Protection of Civil Society” shall be registered to conduct “exit poll” joint with “Opinion Way” Sociological Research Institute (France) in nation-wide voting day (referendum) of the Republic of Azerbaijan on September 26, 2016.
2. The decision shall be enforced upon its publication.

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