## **DECISION**

## of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan

on the registration of "For the Sake of Civil Society" (FSCS) Independent Consultancy and Assistance Center together with the French Research Company "Opinion Way" as organization conducting "exit-poll" in Presidential Elections of the Republic of Azerbaijan appointed to April 11, 2018

By applying to Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan (CEC), "For the Sake of Civil Society" (FSCS) Independent Consultancy and Assistance Center together with the French Research Company "Opinion Way" informed on it's intend to conduct "exit-poll" in Presidential Elections of the Republic of Azerbaijan appointed to April 11, 2018 and asked for registration for that purpose. The appeal with necessary documents for accreditation was presented to the CEC on 14 March, 2018.

CEC conducted investigation in period and case defined by legislation and determined bases for registration of the organization.

Pursuant to Article 25.2.23 of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan, CEC determined requirements for the accreditation of the organization intending to conduct "exit-poll" in conformity with "Rules for the accreditation of "exit-poll" conducting organizations in elections of the Republic of Azerbaijan". According to the items # 1 and 3 of the "Rules for the accreditation of "exit-poll" conducting organizations in elections of the Republic of Azerbaijan", the written applications of the organizations intending "exit-poll" shall be considered within 10 days, the documents submitted with the appeal shall be investigated and grounded decision shall be adopted on accreditation or rejection of accreditation of the relevant organizations.

The appeal of "For the Sake of Civil Society" (FSCS) Independent Consultancy and Assistance Center on the accreditation shall be implemented due to the conformity of the submitted documents with these Rules.

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

- 1. "For the Sake of Civil Society" (FSCS) Independent Consultancy and Assistance Center together with the French Research Company "Opinion Way" shall be registered as organization conducting "exit-poll" in Presidential Elections of the Republic of Azerbaijan appointed to April 11, 2018
- 2. This decision shall be enforced since the day of its publication.

CEC Chairman Mazahir Panahov

CEC Secretary Arifa Mukhtarova