DECISION

of Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan

on the adoption and amendment of some normative acts.

After the adoption of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan on May 27, 2003 it has been made a lot of amendment and appendices rooting from the necessity of regulating election relations that are rapidly being developed during the period of its enforcement since this law regulates election (referendum) relations by Laws of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated on November 11, 2003, June 8, October 12 and December 30, 2004, March 4, June 14 and June 28, 2005, June 16, 2007 and June 2, 2008.

There caused necessity for adoption of some rules and instructions in relation with some amendments and appendices made to the legislation and the necessity of regulating some relations, as well as with the aim of improving base of normative acts for the preparation and conduct of referendum.

Taking the above-mentioned as a basis and pursuant to Articles 19.4, 19.14, 25.3, 28.2 and 28.4 of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan (CEC) **decides:**

1. The following normative acts shall be adopted:

• Instruction on the registration of political part blocs (Decision # 23-1);

• Instruction on the rules for marking the voters' fingers with invisible ink on the voting day (Decision # 23-2);

• Rules for checking the information included in election documents submitted for the approval and registration of candidacy and registration of candidates in Municipal Elections (Decision # 23-3);

• Instruction on the rules for specific election accounts in Municipal Elections (Decision # 23-4);

• Instruction on the rules for entering funding in election funds, conducting determination of spending money and accounting in Municipal Elections (Decision # 23-5);

• Instruction on the rules for returning money entered election funds in Municipal Elections (Decision # 23-6);

• Instruction on the rules for conducting pre-election campaign in Municipal Elections (Decision # 23-7);

• Comment on the rules for completing the protocols of Precinct Election Commissions on the voting results in Municipal Elections (Decision # 23-8);

• Comment on the rules for completing the protocols of Constituency Election Commissions on the voting results in Municipal Elections (Decision # 23-9).

2. Normative acts adopted for the preparation and conduct of the relevant elections (referendum) and which regulate alike relations shall be considered out of force.

3. The following normative acts shall be appropriately **amended and changed**:

• Items 6, 7 of the second part of "Instruction on nominating candidates by political parties and political party blocs in Municipal Elections" shall be edited as follows (Decision # 23-10):

[•]6. Decision of the convention (conference, meeting of the leading body) of the political party on appointing authorized representatives.

7. Powers of attorney of the authorized representatives of the political parties made official in the manner specified by Civil Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan (Appendix 6 made to Instruction).

Item 3 of the fourth part shall be edited: Powers of attorney of the authorized representatives of the political party blocs made official in the manner specified by Civil Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan or in notary order (Appendix 6"A", 6 "B" made to Instruction).

• In "Rules for issuing signature sheets by the Constituency Election Commission to the candidate to municipality membership, authorized representatives of the candidate, political parties, political party blocs in Municipal Elections" (Decision # 23-11), the words "issuing signature sheets for" shall be added after the word "collection" in the first sentence.

The second paragraph shall be added in the following context: "Signature sheets shall be prepared in the form implied by Appendices 3 and 3 "A" made to Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan (hereafter referred to as Election Code) (Appendices 2 and 2 "A" made to the Rules).

• In Instruction on the rules for collecting voters' signatures in the support of candidates to municipal membership, submitting signature sheets and the documents to be attached to them to the Constituency Election Commission in Municipal Elections" (Decision # 23-12), figures "105" and "70" in the item 2.1 shall be replaced with the figures "65" and "40".

Item 2.2 shall be excluded.

• In Instruction on the rules for the distribution of money funding from state budget for the preparation and conduct of Municipal Elections, control upon the usage of the mentioned funding on determination (Decision # 23-13), the figure "90" in item #2 shall be replaced by the figure "45".

Item 4 shall be edited as follows: "The rules for entering the funding in election funds and spending it shall be regulated by Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan (hereafter referred to as Election Code) and relevant normative acts".

4. Decision shall be in force since the day of its publication.

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