## **OPINION**

of Mr.Samir Taghiyev, member of Expert Group under CEC of the Republic of Azerbaijan to investigate the complaints against actions (inactions) and decisions violating citizens' election rights in the Elections to the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan on November 1, 2015

on the appeal # 24 submitted to CEC on October 2, 2015 by candidate to deputy Shahin Sadyar Gafarov

Baku 2 October 2015

Having investigated the appeal submitted to CEC by Shahin Sadyar Gafarov nominated by Whole Azerbaijan Popular Front Party on Sabirabad I Con.EC # 63 in the Election to the Milli Majlis on November 1, 2015, as a member of Expert Group, Samir Taghiyev, considering I have determined the following:

Since the appeal had been submitted in comply with the Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Instruction "On the rules for submission and processing of appeals and complaints on the violation of election rights to the Central Election Commission and Constituency Election Commissions of the Republic of Azerbaijan" and specified period for submitting a complaint was given later than it shall be.

Thus pursuant to Article 112.1 of the Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan and item # 4.1.2 of the above-mentioned Instruction, election actors shall file complaints against the decisions and actions (inactions) violating citizens' election rights within 3 days since that decision is published or made, action (inaction) is committed or the interested person is informed on that.

Taking the above mentioned as a basis, pursuant to Articles 112 and 112-1 of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan and item # 1, 2, 6, 7 and 4.1.2 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 I made an opinion::

- 1. Since the appeal # 24 submitted by Gafarov Shahin Sadyar, nominated by Whole Azerbaijan Popular Front Party on Sabirabad first Con.EC # 63 on October 2, 2015 in the Elections to the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan on November 1, 2015 shall be returned back to the applicant due to its submission after the deadline has passed.
- 2. The opinion shall be published no later than 18 hours upon its adoption (shall be posted on the website) and its copy shall be sent to the applicant.

Expert Group member

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