

DECISION

OF THE CENTRAL ELECTION COMMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN ON THE APPROVAL OF “INSTRUCTION ON NOMINATING CANDIDACY ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVES OF CITIZENS, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF VOTERS INITIATIVE GROUPS AND RULES FOR CANDIDATE NOMINATION BY THEM DURING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN”

It became necessary to improve many legal acts adopted by the Central Election Commission regarding the preparation and conduct of elections (referendum) and the application of the Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan caused from the necessity of improving the legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan from time to time and regulating election (referendum) relations more completely.

Therefore, assuming as a basis the new requirements (structural principles, publications and so on) on normative acts of the Constitutional Law dated 21 December 2010 of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On Normative-legal acts” and the necessity of regulating the relations coordinated by relevant legal acts in force more perfectly, the enforced act regulating the same relations shall be invalidated by adopting new “Instruction on nominating candidacy on their own initiatives of citizens, the establishment of voters initiative groups and rules for candidate nomination by them during Presidential Elections of the Republic of Azerbaijan” and relevant activities concerning the enforcement and official publication of the adopted act shall be undertaken by the Central Election Commission within its competence within the period and in manner defined by law.

Adopting the above-mentioned as a basis and in accordance with Articles 78.2 and 78.3 of the Constitutional Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On normative-legal acts” and Articles 19.4, 19.14, 28.2 and 28.4 of the Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Central Election Commission (CEC) **decides:**

1. “Instruction on nominating candidacy on their own initiatives of citizens, the establishment of voters initiative groups and rules for candidate nomination by them during Presidential Elections of the Republic of Azerbaijan” shall be approved (attached).

2. Since the enforcement of this Instruction, the “Instruction on nominating candidacy on their own initiatives of citizens, the establishment of voters initiative groups and rules for candidate nomination by them during Presidential Elections of the Republic of Azerbaijan” approved by CEC Decision # 6/23-3 dated 4 July 2008 shall be invalidated.

3. Within its competence, CEC shall ensure the implementation of the activities implied by legislation on the official publication and enforcement of the Instruction indicated in item 1 of the Decision.

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