

DECISION
of Central Election Commission
of the Republic of Azerbaijan

on the declaration of the Presidential Elections Day to October 9, 2013

in the Republic of Azerbaijan

The bases of Presidential Elections in the Republic of Azerbaijan shall determined according to the Articles 100-102 of the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the period and rule of the appointment of elections shall determined according to Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

According to Article 101.1 of the Constitution, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan shall be elected for 5 years by independent, personal and secret voting via general, equal and direct suffrage.

According to Article 178.1 of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Wednesday of the third week in October of the past year when President's term of authority ends, shall be considered as Election Day.

As the latest Presidential elections in the Republic of Azerbaijan was conducted on October 15, 2008 and the 5 years term of office of the incumbent President of the Republic of Azerbaijan ended the next Presidential elections should be appointed to October 16, 2013.

Pursuant to Article 8.2 of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the voting day shall not be regarded as a working day within the area the elections (referendum) is conducted. If the voting day is the national mourning or working day according to the Labour Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan (excluding the case implied by II part of Article 84 of the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan), then the voting shall be appointed to another day of the month it's conducted in.

Pursuant to I, II and IV sections of Article 105 of the Labour Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan Gurban Holiday is not a working day and the days of celebrating of this holiday shall be declared by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan till the end of December in next year.

As to Decision 309 dated December 12, 2012 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan, 15 and 16 October are the days of Gurban Holiday.

Therefore, upon adopting the forgoing as a bases, the next Presidential elections in the Republic of Azerbaijan shall be appointed to another working day of October in the current year and shall be declared in the manner defined by legislation. Central Election Commission considers appropriate to declare 9 October of 2013 as the day of next Presidential elections.

According to Articles 178.2 and 178.3 of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan the day of conducting Presidential Elections of the Republic of Azerbaijan shall be declared by CEC decision and shall be published at latest within 2 days.

Taking the above-mentioned as a bases, according to Articles 100-102 of the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Articles 8, 19.4, 19.14, 28.2, 28.4, 177 and 178 of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan, **CEC d e c i d e s:**

1. October 9, 2013 shall be declared the day of Presidential Elections of the Republic Azerbaijan.
2. The Decision shall be published at latest within 2 days since the day of its publication.
3. The Decision shall be enforced since the day of its publication.

Chairman

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