

DECISION
of Central Election Commission
of the Republic of Azerbaijan

on the refusal from the registration of the candidacy of
Mr. Ahmad Abdul oghlu Orujov in Presidential Elections
of the Republic of Azerbaijan appointed on October 9, 2013

Candidacy of Mr. Ahmad Abdul oghlu Orujov, nominated by Freedom Party in Presidential Elections of the Republic of Azerbaijan to be conducted on October 9, 2013, was approved by Decision # 10/71 of the session by Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan (CEC), dated on August 11, 2013.

Signature sheets with voters' signatures collected in the support of the candidate and documents to be attached to them were submitted to the CEC by the authorized representative of the party for the registration of the candidate on September 8, 2013.

Pursuant to Article 60.1 of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan, within 7 days after receiving signature sheets and necessary documents for the registration of the candidate, relevant election commission shall adopt decision on the registration or refusal from registering the candidate.

CEC conducted relevant investigation related on this in time and case implied by legislation and determined bases for refusing from registration of the candidate.

So, Protocol dated on September 11, 2013 and opinions on the same date on checking the accuracy of the signatures in signature sheets submitted by the Working Group point out that though Article 181.1 of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan implies collection of valid signatures at the amount of 40 thousands in the support of the candidate, the number of valid signatures included in the submitted signature sheets was less than the number implied by law for the registration of the candidate.

Pursuant to Article 59.6, 59.10 and 59.12 of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan, if the number of the remaining voters' signatures is less than the number required for registration after excluding invalid signatures, then the candidate shall not be registered.

Adopting the above-mentioned as a basis, pursuant to Articles 19.4, 19.14, 28.2, 28.4, 54, 58, 59, 60 and 181 of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan **d e c i d e s**:

1. Candidacy of Mr. Ahmad Abdul oghlu Orujov, nominated by Freedom Party shall be refused from being registered in Presidential Elections of the Republic of Azerbaijan appointed on October 9, 2013.

2. The decision shall be enforced since the day of its publication.

Chairman

Mazahir Panahov

Secretary

Arifa Mukhtarova

Secretary

Mikayil Rahimov