## **DECISION**

## OF THE CENTRAL ELECTION COMMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN ON INSTALLATION OF WEB CAMERAS IN ELECTION PRECINCTS

Pursuant to the election legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the processes of preparation and conduct of elections, making the results official, as well as, the activity of the commissions shall be transparent to voters.

The Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan has always facilitated regular activity, specially, observation of transparency institutions in the processes of preparation and conduct of elections to ensure compliance with the requirements of the legislation. Sustainable activities have been carried out to display voters' lists regularly, to deliver the information on the voter turnout in the voting, voting procedures and preliminary voting results to voters and to make the publicity familiar with the processes underway and facilities of "Elections" Automated Information System and mass media have also been used effectively in that process.

The Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan has installed web cameras in 500 (five hundred) of the existing polling stations (nearly 10%) and later in 1000 (thousand) (nearly 20%) upon joining to the Information Center of the Central Election Commission since 2008 as additional activities in elections to ensure the observation of the voting process by wide publicity, dealing with election documents by the members of Precinct Election Commissions, facilitating voters to vote without any illegal intervention, casting ballot papers in ballot boxes, observing the processes of determining and making the results official, thereby ensuring transparency further. As appraised and considered successful by a large number of local and international election actors who had monitored the election procedures so far, this practice is appropriate to be maintained.

Therefore, the Central Election Commission reckons that the trend shall be adhered to also in the Municipal Elections on December 23, 2014 and after defining necessary technical and other conditions to ensure effective and incessant broadcasting by web cameras, they shall be installed in 1000 (thousand) polling stations on the election constituencies, within the territories of which elections are held upon the principle of covering the whole territory of the republic excluding the occupied areas.

By assuming the above-mentioned as a basis, pursuant to Articles 19.4, 19.14, 25.2.10, 25.2.16, 28.2, 28.4, 40.1, 110 of the Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan and "Rules for the installation and usage of web cameras in polling stations", CEC **decides**:

- 1. Web cameras shall be installed in 1000 (thousand) polling stations on the election constituencies, within the territories of which elections are held in order to monitor the election process in polling stations since the start till the end on the voting day of the Municipal Elections on December 23, 2014.
- 2. Relevant activities shall be carried out to define necessary technical and other conditions for the installation of web cameras upon the principle of covering the whole territory of the

republic excluding the areas occupied by Armenia and ensuring effective and incessant broadcasting opportunities.

- 3. List of the polling stations where web cameras have been installed shall be published no later than 5 days prior to the voting day when the process has ended.
- 4. Relevant bodies shall be charged with the implementation of the decision within their competence.
- 5. Decision shall be enforced upon its publication.

CEC Chairman Mazahir Panahov

CEC Secretary Arifa Mukhtarova

CEC Secretary Mikayil Rahimov

of the Central	Election (	Commissio	on of the	Republic	c of Azerl	oaijan on t	the approval	of
the session	minute da	ted Noven	nber 25,	2014 of t	he Centra	al Election	Commissio	n

Pursuant	to	Articles	19.4,	19.14,	28.2	and	28.4	of	Election	Code	of	the	Republic	of
Azerbaijaı	n, th	ie Centra	I Elect	ion Con	nmissi	on (C	EC) o	f th	e Republi	c of Az	erb	aijan	decides:	

The session minute dated November 25, 2014 of CEC shall be approved.

CEC Chairman Mazahir Panahov

CEC Secretary Arifa Mukhtarova

CEC Secretary Mikayil Rahimov