DECISION

of the Central Election Commission

of the Republic of Azerbaijan

on the approval of CEC protocol on Presidential Election results of the Republic of Azerbaijan conducted on October 9, 2013 and its submission to the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan for approving electoral returns

In view of the preparation and conduct of the Presidential Elections of the Republic of Azerbaijan appointed to 9 October 2013 by Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan (CEC), all appropriate activities were undertaken in proper time, by having been perfectly compiled since the beginning of the year, the voters' list on the republic was publicized via internet for specification, material-technical base of election commissions was strengthened, education works were implemented jointly with reputable international organizations for the members of lower election commissions and voters, after starting elections, seven registered candidates to presidency were equally facilitated for independently delivering their platforms to voters and pre-election campaign was conducted on the level meeting civil and modern requirements.

All necessary activities were taken for the conduct of the voting in sufficient manner and voters demonstrated high activity in the voting. Opportunities of "online" following the election on the voting day through the web cameras installed in 20% polling stations (in 1000 polling stations) covering the whole geography of the republic excluding the occupied territories, the elections was conducted in free, fair, transparent and open atmosphere with the participation of nearly 52.000 domestic observers, 1295 observers of 50 reputable international organizations, as well as, hundreds of domestic media representatives including 35 competent international mass media represented by 102 journalists and preliminary voting results were delivered to the publicity after timely determination.

CEC ends Presidential Elections within the period defined by legislation pursuant to Article 203.1 of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan and submits the results to the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan for the approval pursuant to Article 102 of the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

All the relevant documents implied by law were submitted to the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan timely by lower election commissions for the official determination of the election results and conducting fair and detailed investigation, the Central Election Commission compiled a protocol and finalized the elections.

Pursuant to Article 203.5 of this Code, Protocol on Presidential Electoral returns is published within 24 hours after being signed.

Taking the above-mentioned as a basis and pursuant to Article 102 of the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Articles 19.4, 19.14, 28.2, 28.4, 203.1 and 203.5 of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan, CEC **decides**:

- 1. CEC Protocol on the results of Presidential Elections of the Republic of Azerbaijan held on 9 October 2013 shall be approved and the elections shall be ended.
- 2. CEC Protocol along with the relevant documents shall be submitted to the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan for the approval of election results.
 - 3. CEC Protocol shall be published (Protocol shall be attached).
 - 4. This decision shall be enforced since the day of its publication.

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