

## DECISION

### **of Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan on rejection from registration of election campaign group on referendum “Republic” in national voting (referendum) appointed to September 26, 2016**

During national voting (referendum) appointed to September 26, 2016, more than 2 thousands initiators made written notification to Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan for creation election campaign groups on referendum called “Republic.”

Signature sheets with collected voters’ signatures and other documents for registration of election campaign groups on referendum were presented to Central election Commission on behalf of competent representatives of initiators on August 22, 2016.

Central Election Commission conducted appropriate investigation in connection with the above-mentioned in order and term considered in legislation and defined that there were no legal basis for rejection from registration of election campaign group.

Thus, Protocol dated August 26, 2016 (on checking accuracy of signatures in signature sheets submitted by working group) and opinions with the same date show that while pursuant to the Article 65.2 of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan, not less than 40 thousand valid voters’ signatures shall be collected on the consent for the membership in referendum campaign group, the number of valid signatures included in the submitted signature sheets was less than the number required by law.

Pursuant to the Article 68.2.3 of Election Code, if number of valid voters’ signatures submitted for registration of election campaign group on referendum is fewer of necessary number then it shall be rejected from registration of election campaign group.

Pursuant to the Article 68.1 of Election Code, a relevant election commission shall make a decision to register or refuse to register a referendum campaign group within 7 days of receiving the signature sheets and other documents required for registration of the group.

Taking as the basis the above-mentioned, pursuant to the Articles # 19.4, 19.14, 28.2, 28.4, 59, 63, 65, 66, 67 and 68 of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Central Election Commission makes decision:

1. “Republic” referendum campaign group shall be refused to be registered in nationwide voting (referendum) appointed to September 26, 2016.
2. Decision shall be conducted from day of its publication.

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