## **DECISION**

## of Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan

on consideration of the appeal # 09 submitted to the Central Election Commission on September 24, 2015 in the Elections to the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan on November 1, 2015

In his written apply addressed to the Central Election Commission on September 24, 2015, Gunel Maharram Safarova nominated on "Umid" Party on Nasimi first Con.EC # 21 challenged the decision of Con.EC on rejection for nominating as a candidate and requested to restore violated rights by adopting appropriate decision in the Elections to the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan on November 1, 2015.

The complaint was adopted for the implementation in comply with Articles 112 and 112-1 of the Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan and "Instruction on the rules for filing appeals and complaints to the Central Election Commission and Constituency Election Commissions of the Republic of Azerbaijan and their consideration", relevant opinion was provided on this issue by a member of the Expert Group under CEC and considered at the Commission session upon the investigation of the appeal by the Expert Group member.

The candidate G.M.Safarova noted in her appeal that, she was nominated on "Umid" Party on Nasimi first Con.EC # 21 in the Elections to the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan on November 1, 2015, collecting signature of voters in the territory of the same constituency she submitted to the Con.EC signature sheets and other important documents attached to it, but Con.EC did not give her or the authorized representative information on checking of signatures and they being invalid, registration of her candidacy was rejected by appropriate decision of the Con.EC.

The decision on rejection for registration the candidacy of G.M.Safarova by Con.EC based on that in fact of investigation number of faithful voters' signatures were not sufficient for registration of her candidacy, competence of persons who collected signatures in seven signature sheets were not determined, at the same time list of authorized representatives of the Party were not submitted to Con.EC.

During investigation for registration of candidate by Working Group acting under Central Election Commission at the result of examination of the necessary documents from composed protocols and opinions dated September 25, 2015 are seen that for the registration of G.M.Safarova as a candidate voters signatures in the signature sheets submitted by him were collected in accordance with rules defined in the Election Code. Thus, from 493 voters signatures collected by candidate, 466 signatures are considered to be valid and this is sufficient for the registration of a candidate.

Pursuant to Article 147.1 of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan at least 450 voters' signatures should be collected in support of a candidate within the territory of the constituency for which he/she has been nominated.

Pursuant to the mentioned, complaint being valid shall be ensured, decision #12/32 (dated September 22, 2015) on rejection for registration G.M.Safarova as a candidate on the Nasimi first Con.EC # 23 shall be cancelled and he shall be registered as a candidate in the same Con.EC.

Taking the above mentioned as a basis, pursuant to Articles 19.4, 28.2, 59, 60, 112, 112-1, 147, 148.1 of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan and item # 1, 2, 4, 6, and 7 of the" Instruction on the rules for filing appeals and complaints to the Central Election Commission and Constituency Election Commissions of the Republic of Azerbaijan and their consideration" the Central Election Commission decides:

- 1. The appeal # 09 (dated September 24, 2015) on nomination of Gunel Maharram Safarova on "Umid" Party on Nasimi first Con.EC # 21 in the Elections to the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan on November 1, 2015 shall be ensured, decision # 12/32 (dated September 22, 2015) of the same Con.EC on rejection for registration him as a candidate shall be cancelled.
- 2. Gunel Maharram Safarova nominated on "Umid" Party on Nasimi first Con.EC # 21 shall be registered as a candidate to the deputy on the same Con.EC.
- 3. The decision shall be enforced upon its publication

**CEC Chairman** 

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