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Central Election Commission of Azerbaijan invites the citizens of Azerbaijan of Armenian origin to take part in November Parliamentary elections

The Central Electoral Commission (CEC) of Azerbaijan, guided by the basic provisions of the country's Constitution, took a decision to form the constituency electoral committee, covering the occupied territories of the country, and appealed to the citizens of Azerbaijan of Armenian origin to take part in November 2005 Parliamentary elections.

This is a step towards reconciliation and cooperation, which aims at establishing citizen solidarity in the entire territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The Government of Azerbaijan believes that this action will get the deserved political and public support of the UN, OSCE and other relevant international organizations, and thus seeks the assistance in implementing this initiative on the occupied territories, including voters' registration and other procedures envisaged by the national legislation.

“We will do everything possible for the activities of this constituency,” the CEC head Mazahir Panahov announced at press-briefing, having not ruled out the possibility of taking measures, “not envisioned by the legislation for other constituencies”, particularly, voting by means of Internet.

In its address of August 12, 2005 the CEC pointed out that it “believes that regardless of their ethnic origin all citizens of Azerbaijan, including those of Armenian origin, will participate in these elections and by being represented in the Milli Mejlis (Parliament), will gain the opportunity to fully enjoy all of their rights provided by the legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan”.