

HONORABLE JUDGES OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF ARMENIA:

AS YOU SIT TO REVIEW AND MAKE DIFFICULT DECISIONS FOR OUR DEAREST COUNTRY AND IT'S WONDERFUL CITIZENS, WE, THE ARMENIANS ALL OVER THE WORLD, WOULD LIKE TO INFORMALLY PRESENT OUR POSITION WITH REGARD TO THE OVERALL ELECTIONS, POST ELECTION ISSUES FACING OUR NATION, OUR GOVERNMENT AND OUR CONSTITUTIONAL COURT.

AT ALL TIMES, **THE DUTY** TO PROVIDE EQUAL RIGHTS, UNDER THE CONSTITUTION, TO THE CITIZENS OF ARMENIA, RESTS WITH THE AUTHORITIES AND ALL BRANCHES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ARMENIA. ANY AND ALL FAILURES OF ANY OF THE BRANCHES OF THE GOVERNMENT, IN PROTECTING THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE, WOULD MAKE THE ELECTIONS NULL AND VOID, REGARDLESS OF THE VOTE COUNT AND REGARDLESS OF WHO WON THE ELECTIONS.

AT ALL TIMES, THE ARMENIAN CITIZENS HAVE TO BE GUARANTEED THEIR ABSOLUTE FREEDOMS SPECIFICALLY GRANTED BY THE CONSTITUTION, ESPECIALLY THEIR FREE RIGHT TO VOTE, WHICH IS THE CORNERSTONE OF DEMOCRACY FOR ANY CIVIL SOCIETY. IN THIS ELECTION, IT APPEARS, WE HAD MORE VOTES COUNTED, THAN WE HAD ELIGIBLE VOTERS IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY! IT APPEARED THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS WAS NOT PROPERLY CONDUCTED AND PRESENTED TO THE CANDIDATES FOR REVIEW.

THESE IMPORTANT FAILURES OF THE GOVERNMENT IN CREATING AN ATMOSPHERE OF OPENNESS, TRANSPARENCY, PUBLIC ACCESS, LEAD TO WIDESPREAD MISTRUST OF THE ELECTION PROCESS, MISTRUST OF THE ELECTORATE VOTE COUNT AND AT THE END, THE PUBLIC REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE THE WINNER, REGARDLESS OF WHO THE WINNER WAS IN THE ELECTION.

FURTHER, ALL BRANCHES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ARMENIA FAILED THE CONSTITUTION, BY FAILING TO PROVIDE AN IMPRESSION OF NON INTERVENTION OR FAVORITISM, BY ACTUAL SUPPORT OF ONE CANDIDATE AND PERSECUTION OF OTHERS.

THESE ARE SOME OF THE ISSUES THE CITIZENS OF ARMENIA HAVE PRESENTED REGARDING THE ELECTIONS OF 2008:

1. PRIOR AND DURING THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGNS, THE CANDIDATES DID NOT HAVE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND ACCESS TO ALL TELEVISION MEDIA, ADVERTISEMENTS, PUBLIC DEBATES ON ISSUES, AND PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE NATION.
2. THE PUBLIC TELEVISION WAS AT ALL TIMES CONTROLLED BY THE GOVERNMENT. ALL TELEVISION CHANNELS CRITICAL OF THE GOVERNMENT WERE SHUT DOWN.
3. DURING THE CAMPAIGNS OF THE OPPOSITION CANDIDATES, IT WAS REPORTED BY JOURNALISTS AND THE PUBLIC, THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS PERSECUTING THE PEOPLE'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH, FREEDOM TO TRAVEL, FREEDOM TO ASSEMBLE AND BE PROTECTED BY THE DUE PROCESS OF THE LAW.

4. DURING THE ELECTION YEAR, THE LIST OF ALL REGISTERED VOTERS WAS NOT PUBLICLY AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC SCRUTINY AND FOR ALL PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES' USE FOR THEIR CAMPAIGN PURPOSES.
5. AFTER THE ELECTIONS, THE PUBLIC WAS NOT GIVEN AN ACCURATE LIST OF THOSE WHO VOTED FROM THE REGISTERED LIST OF VOTERS AT CORRESPONDING POLLING PLACES.
6. THE GOVERNMENT FAILED TO PROVIDE EQUAL FUNDING, EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND EQUAL ACCESS TO PUBLIC PROPERTY TO ALL CANDIDATES IN A FAIR MANNER.
7. THE GOVERNMENT FAILED TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS FROM UNDUE OPPRESSION, DURESS, IMPOSED BY CANDIDATES WHICH WERE FAVORED AND SUPPORTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

IN CONCLUSION, THE PEOPLE ARE PETITIONING THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT TO DECLARE THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS OF 2008 NULL AND VOID, FOR THE SAKE OF DEFENDING THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA, TO PROTECT THE DEMOCRATIC VALUES OF ARMENIA AND TO PROTECT THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF IT'S CITIZENS WHICH WERE WERE FUNDAMENTALLY VIOLATED.

PLEASE BE INFORMED, THAT WE HAVE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF CONCERNED ARMENIANS WHO ARE PASSING ON THEIR ABSOLUTE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATEMENT ABOVE AND THOSE NAMES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

YOU CAN FIND ARMENIANS PETITIONING ON MANY WEBSITES, SUCH AS "IPETITION", FOR EXAMPLE, AND IF YOU LOOK UNDER "ARMENIA" YOU WILL FIND MANY LISTS OF CONCERNED ARMENIANS. WE HAVE NAMES, ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS OF THOUSANDS OF ARMENIANS WHO FIND THE ACTIONS OF THE ARMENIAN GOVERNMENT ABUSIVE IN THESE ELECTIONS AND THEY FIND THAT THE GOVERNMENT FAILED TO PROVIDE AN ATMOSPHERE OF FREE ELECTIONS FOR ITS CITIZENS.

WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT YOU WILL CONSIDER THE VOICES OF ALL, WHO WANT NOTHING LESS THAN FREE, INDEPENDENT, DEMOCRATIC ARMENIA. AT THIS JUNCTURE, THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT IS THE LAST HOPE FOR OUR COUNTRY.