

## Statement

In September 2009 the elections of MCA-Armenia's Stakeholder Committee (SC) for the period of 2009/2010 took place. As the chairman of the Election Committee that organized the elections I can confirm that the elections were in compliance with the letter of the law, and in the result the 2009/2010 Stakeholder Committee was elected.

The results of the elections did not please some forces and they protested those. Being receptive to their concerns the Election Committee initiated a reviewed of the election results, which remained unchanged after the review.

The continuous protests of some of the candidates defeated during the elections resulted in a break up in the SC, which in its turn, made the further SC activity impossible.

As a consequence of the impossibility of further SC activity, by the tasker of the RA Prime Minster the SC was resolved and new elections announced. In my opinion, this happened because there was an indulgence of the illegal ambitions of the above mentioned forces.

Being against the idea of conducting new elections, but as a representative of the civil society, I decided to get involved in the elections as an Election Committee (EC) member.

However, the announced EC elections never happened and it was decided to involve all the 13 applicants for EC membership into the EC, which was a surprise to many given the Election Committees formed in the past comprised of only 7 members.

Consequently, as it appeared, individual delegated by the forces defeated in the previous elections, who had submitted applications for EC, formed an EC majority.

During the first formal session, 7-8 of the EC members confirmed this conviction about being guided by the same force as they demonstrated a unified position.

Based on the above mentioned facts, being opposed to the idea of the EC being comprised of 13 members (if it was known before that the Committee could have comprised of up to 15 members, other candidates could also have submitted applications and as a result 15 candidates could have been elected in a fair competition; otherwise not everything is fair in all of this), I, Vahagn Asryan, continuing to be an EC member, refuse to sign the first minuets of the EC session by which I do not accept the legitimacy of the events recorded in the minutes. I also declare that in case justice is not restored I will continue being present at the EC sessions, but will not vote and will not sign the minutes, by which I will disallow the 100 % quorum. At the same time I state that all the willing EC members can sign this statement

*Signed by EC members Vahagn Asryan and Tigran Shahinyan.*

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