## IN THE NAME OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA DECISION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

ON THE CASE OF CONFORMITY OF PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2, PART 8, ARTICLE 31 OF THE ELECTORAL CODE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA WITH THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA ON THE BASIS OF THE APPLICATION OF "ASPAREZ" JOURNALISTS CLUB NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

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Based on the review of the Case and governed by Point 1 of Article 100, and Article 102 of the Constitution of the Republic of Armenia (with Amendments through 2005), Articles 63, 64 and 69 of the Law of the Republic of Armenia on the Constitutional Court, the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia **HOLDS**:

1. The first paragraph of Part 8 of Article 31 of the Electoral Code of the Republic of Armenia is in conformity with the Constitution of the Republic of Armenia.

To declare the provision "only one mass media, and not more than 50 representatives of this mass media," stipulated in the second sentence of the second paragraph of Part 8 of Article 31 of the Electoral Code of the Republic of Armenia contradicting the requirements of Article 42, Part 2 of Article 51, Articles 75, 78, 79, 80, and Part 2 of Article 81 of the Constitution of the Republic of Armenia and void.

2. Pursuant to Part 2 of Article 102 of the Constitution of the Republic of Armenia (with Amendments through 2005) this Decision is final and enters into force from the moment of the announcement.

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