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Free Azerbaijan's Human Rights Defender and Election Observer Anar Mammadli

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Anar Mammadli is a highly respected human rights defender who has been co-operating with international institutions, among them the Council of Europe and its rapporteurs for monitoring of Azerbaijan. His organization has conducted country-wide, independent citizens' election observation in Azerbaijan since 2001. Following the October 9, 2013 Presidential elections EMDS has published critical reports on the electoral process. EMDS is a member of the European Platform for Democratic Elections (EPDE), to which Anar Mammadli was elected a member of the board on December 10th 2013.

We call on the Azerbaijani authorities to guarantee a fair and transparent trial for Anar Mammadli, in full compliance with the European Convention on Human Rights. Furthermore, we urge to immediately release him from pre-trial detention. Anar Mammadli has been fully co-operative during the investigations against EMDS and himself, and we consider that no justification for the detention has been given.

Signed (see overleaf)



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