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

ON THE CASE CONCERNING THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF ARTICLE 1087.1 § 8 OF THE CIVIL CODE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA RAISED BY THE APPLICATION OF ARTAK ZEYNALYAN

Based on the examination of the case and subject to Article 168(1), Article 169 § 1(8), and Article 170 of the Constitution, as well as guided by Articles 63, 64 and 69 of the Constitutional Law on the Constitutional Court, the Constitutional Court **HOLDS**:

- 1. To declare Article 1087.1 § 8 of the Civil Code of the Republic of Armenia contradicting Article 31 (in conjunction with Article 75) of the Constitution and void, insofar as, in the case of defamation spread on the Internet by a person not engaged in media activity, it does not provide a possibility for the interested person to deny the defamation, submit a response to it, remove it, or take any other actions equivalent to the above regulations.
- 2. According to Article 69 § 10 of the Constitutional Law on the Constitutional Court, the final judicial act rendered against the applicant shall be subject to revision upon the grounds of a newly emerged circumstances as prescribed by the Law.
- **3.** Pursuant to Article 170 § 2 of the Constitution, this Decision shall be final and shall enter into force upon its promulgation.

PRESIDENT

A. DILANYAN

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