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**Press release**

The Public Commissioner appealed to the Appeal Chamber the decision No. 47, dated 25.07.2018, of the Independent Qualification Commission, for the subject of re-evaluation Mr. Astrit Faqolli, judge at the Tirana First Instance Court and candidate for membership at the High Judicial Council.

In the assessment of the Public Commissioner, in the present case, the confirmation on duty for the subject of re-evaluation by the Independent Qualification Commission is based in a wrong interpretation of the law and the evidences, administered during the administrative investigation.

The Public Commissioner, pursuant on the competences recognized by Articles C and F of the Annex of the Constitution, referred to Articles 61/3 and 63 of Law No. 84/2016, on the same evidences administered by the Independent Qualification Commission, requires to the Appeal Chamber that after the conclusion of the public hearing, to decide the modification of the decision No. 47, dated 25.07.2018 of the Independent Qualification Commission, and to dismiss from office the subject of the re-evaluation, Mr. Astrit Faqolli.

Pursuant on point 1, Article 16 of the Regulation “On the activity of the Institution of Public Commissioners”, the appeal was published on the official website: [www.ikp.al](http://www.ikp.al)

The Institution of Public Commissioners has been established and operates under Article 179/b and the Annex to the Constitution of the Republic of Albania and Law No. 84/2016, “On the Transitional Re-evaluation of Judges and Prosecutors in the Republic of Albania”.

Public Commissioners represent the public interest during the process of re-evaluation of judges and prosecutors in the Republic of Albania.