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Press release

The Public Commissioner appealed to the Appeal Chamber at the Constitutional Court, the Decision No. 65/2018, of the Independent Qualification Commission (IQC), for the subject of re-evaluation Mrs. Valbona Bala (Pajo), legal advisor at the Constitutional Court.

In the assessment of the Public Commissioner, the ordering part of the Decision No. 65/2018 of the Independent Qualification Commission, has not been taken in full compliance with the provision of Article G of the Annex to the Constitution, as well as with the Appeal Chamber's indicative judicial practice.

Based on the content of paragraph 3, Article F of the Annex to the Constitution in Republic of Albania, the Public Commissioner through this appeal requests from the Appeal Chamber that this deficiency in the decision-making by IQC, shall be adjust in the end of the public hearing of the case.

Based on point 1, Article 16 of the Regulation "On the Activity of the Institution of Public Commissioners", the appeal is published on the official website: <u>www.ikp.al</u>

The Institution of Public Commissioners has been established and operates under Article 179/b the Annex of 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.