

**16 November 2018**

**Press release**

The Public Commissioner was present today at the Appeal Chamber, while continued the public hearing on the appeal filed by this Institution against the Decision No. 22/2018, of the Independent Qualification Commission, for the subject of re-evaluation Mr. Edmond Islamaj, Judge at the Supreme Court.

The Public Commissioner at the beginning of the hearing, requested to the Appeal Chamber to decide on the reopening of a comprehensive or partial investigation, in order to obtain evidences for each of the grounds of the appeal against the decision of the Independent Qualification Commission.

The Panel of the Appeal Chamber after the consultation for the request, decided to order the partial reopening of the judicial investigation, to become acquainted with evidences required in the appeal of the Public Commissioner. The next hearing has been decided to be held on December 11, 2018.

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: [www.ikp.al](http://www.ikp.al)

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.