

**12 April 2019**

**Press release**

The Public Commissioner was present today at the Appeal Chamber, while continued the review of the appeal filed against the Decision no. 32/2018, of the Independent Qualification Commission, for the subject of re-evaluation Mrs. Alma Brati, Judge at the District Court, Tirana.

The Public Commissioner, rebutted the claims of the financial analysis conducted by the Appeal Chamber, stood for the grounds of the appeal, not to consider as legitimate income, those incomes that does not meet the criteria set forth in the Article D, paragraph 3 of the Annex of the Constitution and Article 32, paragraph 1 and 4 of the law no.84/2016.

The Public Commissioner informed the Adjudication Panel and the parties in the process that to the Institution of Public Commissioner on April 11, 2019, was filed a new denunciation related to the subject of re-evaluation, which according to the Public Commissioner effect the financial analysis.

The subject of re-evaluation Mrs. Alma Brati while presented the elements of the case in court session objected to the financial analysis conducted by the Appeal Chamber, considering them illegitimate and unfounded in the grounds of the appeal of the Public Commissioner. She requested to file new evidence likewise a new financial analysis.

The Adjudication Panel, by interim decision accepted the evidences presented by the subject of re-evaluation, and appointed the next hearing session on April 26, 2019, in order to provide necessary time to the subject of re-evaluation to enable explanations with regard to new denunciations by the public, submitted to the Institution of Public Commissioners and electronically to the International Monitoring Operation.

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