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Press release

The Public Commissioner was present today at the Appeal Chamber, while continued the review of the appeal filed against the Decision no. 65/2018, of the Independent Qualification Commission, for the subject of re-evaluation Mrs. Valbona Bala (Pajo), former legal advisor at the Constitutional Court.

The Adjudication Panel at the end of the judicial review of the appeal of the Public Commissioner and the appeal of the subject of re-evaluation, merged into one verdict, stating that the appeal of the Public Commissioner is based on proven facts in conformity with the law, whereas determine as unfounded the appeal of the subject of re-evaluation, consequently decided:

1. Modifying the decision no.65/2018, of the Independent Qualification Commission.

Termination of re-evaluation process for the subject of re-evaluation Mrs.Valbona Bala (Pajo). The subject of re-evaluation Mrs.Valbona Bala (Pajo) may no longer be appointed as a judge or prosecutor at any level, as a member of High Judicial Council, High Prosecutorial Council, High Justice Inspector, or Prosecutor General, for a duration of fifteen years.

2. This decision is final with immediate effect.

Pursuant to point 1, Article 16 of the Regulation “On the Activity of the Institution of Public Commissioners”, the appeal and the elements of the case are published on the official website of this institution: <http://ikp.al/ankime/>

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.