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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. 62/2018, of the Independent Qualification Commission, for the subject of re-evaluation Mr. Artur Malaj, judge at the Administrative Court of Appeal, Tirana.

During the hearing session, the subject of re-evaluation presented his objections related to the financial analysis conducted by the Legal Service Unit at the Institution of Public Commissioners and requested to the Appeal Chamber to a partial reopening of the judicial investigation by presenting new evidence in the process.

The Adjudication Panel, by interim decision, decided to carry out a thorough analysis of the financial issue of the subject of re-evaluation for the period 2003-2016 and the administration of the evidence lodged by the subject of re-evaluation.

The next hearing session shall be held on September 25, at 10:00 a.m.

Pursuant to point 1, Article 16 of the Regulation “On the Activity of the Institution of Public Commissioners”, additional appeal and 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 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”.

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