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Press release

The Public Commissioner was present today at the Appeal Chamber, while continued the judicial review of the appeal filed against the Decision no. 58/2018, of the Independent Qualification Commission, for the subject of re-evaluation Mr. Besnik Muçi, currently assigned judge by the Constitutional Court.

During the today's hearing, the Adjudication Panel became acquainted over the viewpoints of the parties related to the probative value of the new acts administrated by the Appeal Chamber.

The Public Commissioner, in his objections, pointed out that the recognized evidence, referring to its scope and the veracity that subject of re-evaluation aims to prove, do not constitute a certain value to the opposite of the grounds of the appeal.

The subject of re-evaluation, during his objections, requested to the Adjudication Panel to provide time, in order to deposit acts in Turkish language, and presented his claims related to the methodology used to estimate the living expenses.

The Adjudication Panel, decided the close the judicial deliberation, and by interim decision overturned the request of the subject of re-evaluation for reinstatement of time limits to file new acts, considering this request as delay for due judicial process.

The next public hearing to submit the final conclusions shall be held on November 12, 2019, at 12:00.p.m.

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

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