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**Press release**

The Public Commissioner was present today at the Appeal Chamber, while initiated the judicial review of the appeal filed against the Decision no. 90/2018, of the Independent Qualification Commission, for the subject of re-evaluation Mr. Adnand Kosova, magistrate/prosecutor, at the General Prosecution Office.

On commencement of the hearing session, the panel confirmed the receipt of the requested information to the General Prosecution Office and Special Prosecution Office against Anti-Corruption and Organized Crime (SPAK) with regard to the alleged facts in the public denunciation, lodged by the Institution of the Public Commissioners.

Upon receipt the confirmation from the parties related to the content of the written acts, the chairman of the adjudication panel announced that no criminal records appears on behalf of the citizens referred in the public denunciation, as persons related by family ties with the subject of re-evaluation.

The Public Commissioner, in his viewpoint with respect to the information forwarded by the General Prosecution Office and Special Prosecution Office against Anti-Corruption and Organized Crime (SPAK), stated that the subject of re-evaluation during his objections in the previous hearing, in the context of determining credibility of not being aware of any criminal proceedings of his relatives, as well as confirmed by the official information forwarded to the Appeal Chamber.

The subject of re-evaluation, considered the public denunciation as malicious intent that according to him is believed to be conducted by a colleague in violation of the code of ethics. Whereas through the legal representative informed the panel that he had effectuated the tax payment of the amount declared by him, as a down payment after a property sale of an apartment in the city of Korçë, and requested its deposit as evidence.

Following deliberations, the adjudication panel, decided to consider in the quality of evidence the bank document, referred by the subject of re-evaluation, and also administered in the quality of written evidence the information provided by General Prosecution Office and SPAK.

The adjudication panel decided to close the judicial investigation, and invited the parties to present their final conclusions at the next hearing which shall be held March 3, 2020, at 11:30 a.m.

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

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.