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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. 112/2019, of the Independent Qualification Commission, for the subject of re-evaluation Mr. Dritan Peka, prosecutor, head of the Prosecution Office of the Appeal Court, Tirana.

At the commencement of the hearing session, the presiding judge announced the replacement of the member of the adjudication panel, Mr. Luan Daci and referring to the intermediate decision corresponding to the session of 22.7.2020, requested the positions of the Public Commissioner and the subject of the re-evaluation regarding the probative value of the deposited evidence and the allegations raised from the public denunciations.

The Public Commissioner, in the analysis of the acts submitted by the subject of revaluation, assessed that the record of the National Housing Authority proves that the spouse of the subject of re-evaluation has benefited the loan in extenuating circumstances, in accordance with the requirements of DCM, no. 600/2007. Regarding the practice of the General Prosecution Office concerning the disciplinary investigation of the subject of re-evaluation related to transfer cases from the Independent Qualification Commission, the Public Commissioner assessed that there is not sufficient information. With reference to the act “Analysis over the assets and income of the subject of re-evaluation, Mr. Dritan Peka 2003-2016”, the Public Commissioner expressed concern in some relevant items, while embraced the grounds of the appeal referring to the inadequacy of the financial resources of the subject of re-evaluation from the period 2003-2016.

The subject of the re-evaluation, in his position, presented the objections regarding the allegations raised from the public denunciations for a potential nepotism involving the appointments and inappropriate contacts, outlining them as untrue and malicious.

The adjudication panel, with an intermediate decision, decided the administration in the quality of evidence of 10 new acts submitted by the subject of re-evaluation, and accepted the request of the Public Commissioner, submitted in the session of 22.7.2020 to conduct a financial analysis regarding the financial adequacy of the subject of re-evaluation from the period 2003-2016.

The next hearing session shall take place on October 2, 2020, at 10:00 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/ankime>

The Institution of Public Commissioners has been established and operates under Article 179/b, and 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 transitional process of re-evaluation of judges and prosecutors in the Republic of Albania.