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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. 183/2019, of the Independent Qualification Commission, for the subject of re-evaluation, Mr. Petrit Çano, prosecutor/Head of the Prosecution Office of the First Instance Court, Krujë.

After verifying the parties' presence in the hearing, the presiding judge invited the Public Commissioner to announce the steps undertaken for the enforcement of the decision taken at the end of the previous hearing, regarding the recognition to the data source of the information authority.

The Public Commissioner informed the adjudication panel that through the mediation of the International Observer and into his presence had been enabled the meeting with the information authority. The Public Commissioner stated that according to the legal interpretation of the information authority he was not provided with the relevant data source.

Subsequently, the International Observer confirmed to the adjudication panel the statement of the Public Commissioner regarding the procedure followed in the enforcement of the decision of the previous hearing and the standpoints of the representatives of the information authority.

The adjudication panel after being acquainted with the position of the Public Commissioner, who also in today's hearing, reiterated whether deemed necessary from the adjudication panel, for further investigation required, based on the data of the information authority, which served to draft the background assessment report of the subject of the re-evaluation, then decided to close the judicial investigation and invited the parties to present the final conclusions in the following hearing session, which will be held on September 14, 2021, at 14:00 p.m.

Pursuant to paragraph 1, Article 16 of the regulation of the Institution of Public Commissioners, the appeal and elements of the case are published on the official website of this institution: <u>http://ikp.al/ankime/</u>

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