

**09 September 2021**

**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. 324/2020, of the Independent Qualification Commission, for the subject of re-evaluation, Mr. Sokol Ngresi, judge at Vlora Court of Appeal.

After verifying the presence of the parties in the hearing, the presiding judge communicated the submission to the Appeal Chamber of the response received from the State Cadastre Agency Local Directorate of Vlora, as well as a denunciation addressed to the subject of re-evaluation, forwarded by the Institution of Public Commissioners.

Once the parties confirmed their acquaintance with the above acts, the subject of re-evaluation referred to the adjudication panel additional acts, provided at his request by the Prosecution Office First Instance Court of Vlora and the General Directorate of Taxation Vlora, which were requested to be administered in view of the judicial investigation.

Subsequently, referring to the intermediate decision of the hearing session conducted on 26.7.2021, in order to investigate the denunciations where it is claimed for an undeclared property by the subject of re-evaluation, the adjudication panel summoned in the capacity of the witness, the administrator of the construction company, the citizen \*\*\* \*\*\*, who, in addition to his testimony, presented the original acts of the contracts requested by the Appeal Chamber and also responded to the questions addressed by the members of the panel, the international observer and the subject of the re-evaluation.

Following the administering of the relevant responses, the adjudication panel decided to accept the administration of the acts presented during the hearing by the witness and the subject of the re-evaluation.

With regards to the acts administered as evidence by the adjudication panel, the Public Commissioner reserved the right to express himself along with the final conclusions.

In reference to Article 49, paragraph 1, letter "b" of law no. 84/2016 as well as in Article 224 / a of the Civil Procedure Code, the adjudication panel decided that the original acts filed by the witness must undergo expert analysis, to prove whether or not there are forged components. The panel also decided to summon in the capacity of forensic expert, experts from the Institute of Scientific Police by the General Directorate of the Albanian State Police.

The following public hearing will be held on September 21, 2021, at 10:00 a.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: <http://ikp.al/ankime/>

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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.