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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. 316/2020, of the Independent Qualification Commission, of the assessee, Mr. Ibrahim Hoxha former judge of the Tirana Judicial District Court.

During the verification of the parties' presence in the hearing, the presiding judge ascertained the absence of the assessee, who informed that, he was notified about the hearing session through the electronic correspondence.

Afterwards, with the consent of the Public Commissioner for a continuance of the hearing in absentia of the assessee, the adjudication panel on the spot consultation decided to close the judicial review and requested to the Public Commissioner to present the final conclusions.

The Public Commissioner in presenting the final conclusions sustained all the appeal grounds and requested from the Appeal Chamber to decide the overturn of the decision no. 316/2020, and to order the Independent Qualification Commission to classify as incomplete the re-evaluation process of the assessee Mr. Ibrahim Hoxha.

The adjudication panel withdrew in the deliberation room for the announcement of the final decision which will take place on October 14, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

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

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