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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. 393/2021, of the Independent Qualification Commission, of the assessee, Mr. Gerd Hoxha, judge at Tirana Court of First Instance.

While verifying the presence of the parties, the presiding judge ascertained the absence of the international observer, and informed that also the Public Commissioner Mr. Darjel Sina, the appellant, had notified to the Chamber his lack of possibility to participate in today's hearing session.

Following the stance of the Public Commissioner Mr. Florian Ballhysa and the assessee to leave to the panel the decision whether or not to proceed with the conduct of today's hearing, meanwhile the adjudication panel after consultation with the international observer, informed that he was unable to attend the hearing and requested additional time to become acquainted with the submissions of the Public Commissioner and so forth of the assessee, filed to the Appeal Chamber.

Under these circumstances, the adjudication panel decided to adjourn the hearing on April 5, 2022, 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 is published on the official website of this institution: <http://ikp.al/ankime>

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