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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. 255/2020, of the Independent Qualification Commission, of the assessee Mr. Ludovik Dodaj, prosecutor at the Prosecution Office of the Appeal Court, Durrës.

Whereas verifying the presence of the parties in the hearing, the presiding judge informed that the Public Commissioner and the assessee have presented to the College their submissions and after confirming as regards to each other's recognition to the claims, requested by them whether they had any procedural requirements at the outset of the judicial review.

The Public Commissioner stated that there was no prior request, whilst the assessee through the legal representative requested the partial opening of the investigation, in view of the of the Public Commissioner's appeal grounds.

Afterwards, the Public Commissioner, standing to all the appeal grounds, in brief, submitted for review the issues related to the asset assessment criterion and the code of ethics and professional engagement criterion of the assessee. On the closure of his submissions, the Public Commissioner requested to the Panel to consider the appeal grounds and at the end of the adjudication of the case to decide the amendment of the decision of the Independent Qualification Commission, no. 255/2020, and the dismissal from office of the assessee, Mr. Ludovik Dodaj.

The assessee, through the legal representative, objected the findings of the appeal and requested the adjudication panel to administer new evidence with the aim of the judicial investigation.

The adjudication panel, being consulted in the deliberation room, decided to open the judicial investigation and to administer in the capacity of evidence the acts listed by the legal representative of the assessee, in today's court hearing. The adjudication panel also decided to seek to Durrës Court of First Instance, the acts of a criminal file pertaining to the year 2009.

Thereafter, the Public Commissioner, at the request of the presiding judge, stated that, for the evidence administered by the Panel, he reserved the right to be expressed after the court decision was administered, referring to the intermediate decision of the adjudication panel.

The adjudication panel, pending the administration of the file court decision from the Durrës Court of First Instance, decided to adjourn the following hearing session on June 27, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., and invited the parties to prepare for the presentation of the final discussions.

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

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