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## **Press Release**

On 7.12.2022, at end of the respective hearing session, the Independent Qualification Commission decided the confirmation in office of the assessee, Mr. Arbër Çela, judge at Shkodër Judicial District Court.

The decision no. 595/2022, of the Independent Qualification Commission was notified to the Public Commissioners on 6.2.2023.

Today, on 6.2.2023, the International Monitoring Operation presented to the Public Commissioners the recommendation to appeal the decision to the Appeal Chamber.

The Public Commissioners are reviewing, within the legal time limit, the decision of the Independent Qualification Commission and the recommendation of the International Monitoring Operation.

Based on point 1, Article 63, of law no.84/2016 “On the Transitional Re-evaluation of Judges and Prosecutors in the Republic of Albania”, the Public Commissioners has the right to appeal the decision of the Independent Qualification Commission to the Appeal Chamber, within 15 days of the notification.

The recommendation of the International Monitoring Operation is published on the official website of the Institution of Public Commissioners: <http://ikp.al/en/recommendations/>

The Institution of Public Commissioners has been established and operates under Article 179/b and the Annex of the Constitution of the Republic of Albania and Law No. 84/2016, “On the Transitional Re-evaluation of Judges and Prosecutors in the Republic of Albania”.

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