

**June 13, 2023**

## **Press Release**

The Public Commissioner was present today at the Appeal Chamber continuing the judicial review of the appeal filed against Decision no 629/2023, of the Independent Qualification Commission, for the assessee, Mr. Besnik Cengu, prosecutor of Tirana District Prosecution Office.

The Adjudication Panel, at the end of the judicial review, decided:

*1. The amendment of the decision no. 629/2023, of the Independent Qualification Commission, thus:*

*i. The termination of the transitional re-evaluation process for the assessee, Mr. Besnik Cengu, acting prosecutor of Tirana District Prosecution Office.*

*ii. Pursuant to paragraph 2, Article G of the Annex of the Constitution, the assessee Mr. Besnik Cengu may no longer be appointed as a judge or prosecutor at any level, as a member of the High Judicial Council, High Prosecutorial Council High, High Justice Inspector, or Prosecutor General, for a duration of 15 years.*

*2. This decision is final and effective immediately.*

*The decision was announced today in Tirana, June 13, 2023.*

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

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 re-evaluation process of judges and prosecutors in the Republic of Albania.