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Press Release

The Public Commissioner was present today at the Appeal Chamber where initiated the judicial review of the appeal filed against the Decision no. 724/2023, of the Independent Qualification Commission, for the assessee, Mr. Arben Agovi who holds the position of prosecutor in the Prosecution Office of the First Instance Court of Tirana General Jurisdiction.

Also in the present case, the Public Commissioner, adhering to his constitutional and legal competencies, determines that upon reviewing decision no. 724/2023, of the Commission and along accompanying acts, certain legal and factual circumstances emerge that conflict with the fundamental values and ethical standards and rules of conduct, established the basis for the protection and strengthening of the public trust, outlined in law no. 96/2016. These discrepancies constitute the ground for a thorough assessment of the proceedings according to the definition outlined in Article 4, point 2 of law no. 84/2016.

The Public Commissioner requests the Appeal Chamber to thoroughly examine the appeal grounds, upon concluding the review of the case in the public hearing, to decide the amendment of the decision no. 724/.2023, of the Independent Qualification Commission, and the dismissal from office of the assessee, Mr. Arben Agovi.

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

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 reevaluation of judges and prosecutors in the Republic of Albania.