

## January 10, 2024

## **Press Release**

The Public Commissioner was present today at the Appeal Chamber to continue the judicial review of the appeal filed against Decision no 671/2023, of the Independent Qualification Commission. This decision pertains to the assessee, Mr. Ylli Bashaj, prosecutor in the Prosecution Office of the First Instance Court of Tirana General Jurisdiction.

After the verification of the parties' presence in the hearing, the presiding judge announced that on January 8, 2024, the International Monitoring Operation had filed the findings and opinion of the international observers in the Appeal Chamber, subsequently, the parties in the process were requested to present their stance related to these acts.

The Public Commissioner reserved the right to express herself during the final conclusions, while the assessee requested additional time to prepare his stance.

After on-site consultation, the adjudication panel decided to adjourn the following hearing session on January 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., to provide sufficient time for the assessee to prepare himself concerning the findings and the opinion of the international observers.

In accordance with point 1 of Article 16 of the Institution of Public Commissioners' regulations, the appeal has been published on the official website of the institution, which can be accessed at <a href="http://ikp.al/ankime">http://ikp.al/ankime</a>.

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.