

May 7, 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. 714/2023, of the Independent Qualification Commission, for the assessee, Mr. Besnik Maho, former judge at Pogradec Judicial District Court.

Upon verifying the attendance of the parties at the hearing, the presiding judge notified that the assessee had conveyed via electronic communication that due to family reasons, he was outside of the Republic of Albania and, therefore unable to attend today's hearing. Attached to this communication, the assessee has also sent the submissions related to the appeal. Additionally, the presiding judge informed that the Public Commissioner, Mr. Florian Ballhysa, had indicated that he would be represented at the hearing by Mrs. Irena Nino, citing objective reasons for his absence.

Consequently, the presiding judge declared that given the absence of one member of the adjudication panel, the hearing would be adjourned on May 10, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Based on point 1, Article 16 of the regulation of the Institution of Public Commissioners, the appeal is 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.