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Press Release

The Public Commissioner was present today at the Appeal Chamber to continue the judicial review of the appeal filed against Decision no. 675/2023, of the Independent Qualification Commission. This decision pertains to the assessee, Mr. Alfred Balla, former Legal Advisor at the High Court, currently serving as Chairman of the High Prosecutorial Council.

The Appeal Chamber, at the end of the judicial review, by a majority of votes decided:

The amendment of decision no. 675/2023, of the Independent Qualification Commission as follows:

- 1. The interruption of the re-evaluation process of the assessee, Alfred Balla.*
- 2. The assessee, Alfred Balla, may no longer be appointed as a judge or prosecutor at any level, as a member of the High Judicial Council or the High Prosecutorial Council, High Justice Inspector or Prosecutor General for a duration of 15 years .*
- 3. This decision is final and effective immediately.*

The decision was announced today in Tirana, May 21, 2024.

Under the Article 16, Point 1 of the Institution of Public Commissioners' regulations, the appeal and elements of the case are published on the institution's official website, which can be accessed at <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 process of re-evaluation of judges and prosecutors in the Republic of Albania.