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Press Release

The Public Commissioner was present today at the Appeal Chamber to initiate the judicial review of the appeal filed against Decision no. 657/2023, of the Independent Qualification Commission, pertaining to the assessee, Mr. Periand Teta, who hold the position of the Legal Advisor in the High Court, currently serving as an Inspector by the High Justice Inspector.

Following the verification of the parties' attendance in the hearing, the presiding judge informed that the litigants had been acquainted with the submissions and invited them to present these submissions during the hearing.

The assessee claimed that additional grounds were included in the Public Commissioner's submissions and that, in response, he had prepared additional objections as well.

Adhering to the appeal grounds, the Public Commissioner assessed that the decision of the Independent Qualification Commission to declare the re-evaluation process terminated without a final decision, regarding the assessee, Mr. Periand Teta, was not made in accordance with constitutional and legal provisions. The Public Commissioner requested the Appeal Chamber to amend decision no. 657/2023 of the Independent Qualification Commission by deciding the interruption the re-evaluation process for the assessee, Mr. Periand Teta, and that he may no longer be appointed as a judge or prosecutor at any level, member of the High Judicial Council or the High Prosecutorial Council, High Justice Inspector, or Prosecutor General, for a duration of fifteen years.

The assessee claimed the contrary of the appeal grounds and submitted additional evidence instead. In conclusion, the assessee requested the adjudication panel to alternatively decide either to uphold or amend the decision of the Independent Qualification Commission by seeking the Independent Qualification Commission to continue the re-evaluation process for the assessee, Periand Teta.

After consultation in the deliberation chamber, the adjudication panel decided to open the judicial investigation and administer the evidence submitted by the assessee during the hearing. With no further requests from the parties, the panel closed the judicial review, and likewise to provide time to the Public Commissioner to present the final arguments, the hearing was adjourned on June 28, 2024, at 09:00 a.m.

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: <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.