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## **Press Release**

The Public Commissioner within the legal time limit filed an appeal at the Appeal Chamber by the Constitutional Court against Decision no. 779/2024, of the Independent Qualification Commission, concerning the assessee, Mr. Aurel Zarka, a former prosecutor at the Prosecution Office by the First Instance Court of General Jurisdiction of Vlora.<sup>1</sup>

The Public Commissioner, following the recommendation of the International Monitoring Operation (IMO), based on newly verified information, deems it necessary to conduct a further investigation regarding all three re-evaluation criteria.

Under these conditions, the Public Commissioner requests that the Appeal Chamber open a judicial investigation for all three re-evaluation criteria and, at the conclusion of the judicial review, either decide to amend or uphold decision no. 779/2024 of the Independent Qualification Commission regarding the assessee, Aurel Zarka.

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: https://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 reevaluation of judges and prosecutors in the Republic of Albania.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Suspended from duty by decision no. 187, dated 31.07.2024, of the High Prosecutorial Council.