



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations

D - WESTERN BALKANS
The Director

Brussels, 29 MAY 2017

Dear Secretary General,

I hereby confirm that we have received certified copies of all the application dossiers for the lay members of the High Judicial Council that will have to be selected from amongst representatives of the advocacy, as submitted by you to the attention of the International Monitoring Operation (IMO) via the European Union Delegation to Albania. The concerned material reached our offices in Brussels on Tuesday 23 May. On the same day, we have immediately started to process the material and requested English translation. This is currently ongoing and will enable the IMO international observers to duly engage and perform their duties, as foreseen in the Law No. 115/2016 on Governance Institutions of the Justice System.

As anticipated in the preliminary exchange occurred through video-link today between our respective teams, I would like to confirm that the IMO has appointed two experts to perform the tasks envisaged in Art. 286 para. 3 (a, b) of the aforementioned legislation. These two experts are:

- Mr Ferdinando Buatier de Mongeot of Italy, senior judge;
- Mr Theo Jacobs of Belgium, senior prosecutor.

They will start their work as of tomorrow, Tuesday 30 May. Mr Jacobs will be deployed to Tirana and Mr Buatier de Mongeot will support the endeavour from his home office.

Please be assured that my team, and myself in the capacity as IMO chair, remain at your disposal should you need further support in the next steps of the process.

Yours sincerely,

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- Mr Gazment Bardhi, Minister of Justice
- Ms Klajda Gjoshaj, Minister for European Integration