

III. Evaluation of the candidate

At the public hearing, the candidate was asked about the following financial and ethical issues:

1. Failure to submit the declaration on assets and personal interests for the period of 2014 – 2016

a. The facts

According to the Superior Council of Magistracy (hereinafter “SCM”) Decision No. 147/4 of 4 February 2014, the candidate was suspended from the position of judge during the period from 5 May 2014 to 2 October 2017, upon the candidate’s request for childcare leave. The candidate’s suspension ended on 2 October 2017, when the candidate restarted her activity as judge. On 30 March 2018, the candidate submitted her annual declaration on assets and personal interests (hereinafter “annual declaration”) to the National Integrity Authority (hereinafter “NIA”), for 2017.

In written communication with the Commission, the candidate explained that she did not submit annual declarations for 2014 - 2016 because she did not know that she was required to submit them for the period of childcare leave and realized that this was an omission only when the Commission asked her about this in written questions. The candidate was first asked about this issue in questions sent to the candidate on 13 September 2022.

Asked about her sources of income for 2014 - 2016, the candidate explained that the income she received in the period of 2014 – 2016 was accumulated from two sources: (1) maternity and childcare allowances, and (2) her former husband’s income. In this regard, the candidate submitted documents confirming her husband’s income for the period of 2014 to 2016 and provided the amounts of child allowances that she received during this period. In relation to monthly expenditures (the Commission had calculated according to population consumption expenditure (CEP) indicator, based on the methodology of the National Bureau of Statistics, the candidate stated that she did not spend such large amounts of money on monthly expenditures, but the candidate did not provide any documentation or calculations regarding her real expenditures incurred in the period of 2014 – 2016. Also, the candidate explained that between 2014 and 2017 she lived in her parents-in-laws’ house and the living expenses were mostly paid by them. The candidate did not provide any confirmation documents about her parents-in-laws’ expenditures, acquisitions or / and assets for the period for which she did not submit annual declarations.

At the public hearing, the candidate confirmed that she did not submit annual declarations for

¹ The CEP for any year between 2007-2018 is calculated based on National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) methodology applied for the period of 2006-2018 (on the basis of the resident population in the Republic of Moldova, in „discontinued series”) and the method available on the NBS site. In this case, the indicator of Consumption expenditures by population according by purpose of expenditures, number of children and area, 2006-2018, is chosen with the following variables: Year - Consumption expenditures total – Area (Urban/Rural) – Number of children (if no children, Without children is chosen) – MDL, average monthly per capita for one person. The generated result is multiplied by the number of family members and 12 calendar months.

