

candidate's actions of not paying income taxes for lawyer's activity during a four – year period is inexplicable. The failure to abide by the law casts doubt on the candidate's compliance with the ethical criterion.

In light of above circumstances, the Commission has serious doubts (art. 13 para. (5) of Law No. 26/2022) about the compliance of the candidate with the criterion of financial integrity as per art. 8 para. (4) lit. b) and para. (5) lit. a), and ethical integrity as per art. 8 para. (2) lit. a) of Law No. 26/2022 with respect to failure to pay income tax during 2018 – 2021 within the deadline provided by law and payment only after Commission's inquiry into this issue, which have not been mitigated by the candidate.

IV. Decision

Based on art. 8 para. (1), (2) lit. a), (4) lit. b) and (5) lit. a) and art. 13 para. (5) of Law No. 26/2022, the Commission decided that the candidate does not meet the integrity criteria as serious doubts have been found as to the candidate's compliance with the ethical and financial integrity criteria and thus fails the evaluation.

V. Appeal and publication of the decision

Pursuant to art. 14 para. (1) of Law No. 26/2022, the candidate is entitled to appeal this decision within 5 days from receiving the decision.

Pursuant to art. 13 para. (7) of Law No. 26/2022, this decision is sent by email to the candidate and to the institution responsible for organizing the election or competition, which in the present case is the Parliament. If within 48 hours of sending the decision, the candidate does not notify the Commission of his or her refusal to publish the decision, the decision shall be published on the website of the Parliament in a depersonalized form, except for the surname and first name of the candidate that remain public. The Commission will also publish the decision on its website if the candidate does not object to publication.

This decision was adopted unanimously by all participating members of the Commission.

Done in English and translated into Romanian.

Signature:



Herman von HEBEL
Chairman, Commission