

contributions. In this respect, the Commission reiterates that it has been mandated to verify the source of income of the candidate, his family members and close persons to the candidate. Candidates are expected to mitigate the Commission's doubts. Thus, in respect of both monetary contributions, the candidate submitted his own estimates on the income of his mother-in-law, asking the Commission to accept this as proof. Unlike other candidates who undertook efforts including submitting affidavits from employers, official documents from the respective public authorities, bank data, etc. the candidate provided no such evidence. The Commission finds that the candidate did not mitigate the Commission's doubts regarding the source of funds of up to 10,000 EUR provided by the candidate's mother-in-law in the years 2014 and 2020.

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), para (5) lit. c), d), e) and f) of Law No. 26/2022 with respect to the sources of funds of his mother-in-law's donation of 3,000 USD in 2014 and amount of 7,000 EUR in 2020, which have not been mitigated by the candidate.

IV. Decision

Based on art. 8 para. (2) lit. a) and para. (4) lit. a) and b) and para. (5) lit. b), c), d) and e) f) 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 Superior Council of Prosecutors. 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 Superior Council of Prosecutors 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