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To: Mr. Gianni Buquicchio
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Dear Mr. Buquicchio,

In my vest as the Albanian People's Advocate of the Republic of Albania, I wish to present my cordial greetings to you and the honorable members of the Venice Commission on the occasion of your 30th anniversary.

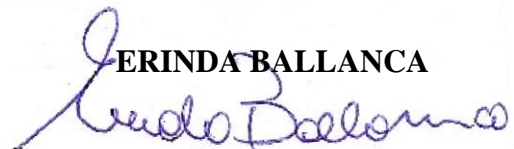
The Commission intense activity as a constitutional consultation and research organization, and its opinions has proven to be of crucial importance to Albania, where the non-functioning of the Constitutional Court and the minimal functioning of the Supreme Court represent a major problem that directly affects the democracy situation in the country.

I remain of the conviction that the Venice Commission will continue to play a major role in defending and promoting a functioning democratic system in Albania. As Ombudsman Institution and NHRI holding a Status A accreditation, we make treasure of "Venice Principles". They play a key role in our daily work and an important guideline for our Institution.

More then a few times during my term at the office i have gladly met with representatives of the Venice Commission where, among other things, i have expressed my opinions on very concrete issues and their actual and possible implications for the human rights. I take this opportunity to express our willingness to carry on our collaboration, towards the improvement of human rights, good-governance and democracy in Albania.

With my best wishes for good health and productivity, please accept Mr. Buquicchio the expression of my highest considerations!

Sincerely Yours,


ERINDA BALLANCA
PEOPLES' ADVOCATE OF ALBANIA