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## **HEAD OF PRESENCE'S REMARKS TO THE MEDIA**

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### **Q: How do you see the relations between the state institutions?**

**Ambassador Wollfarth:** “Respect between the president and the parliament, from the parliament to the president, from the government to the parliament and from the parliament to the government, and from the government to the president, so in the full triangle. This is very important for decision-making and also for the important nominations that the country needs to see, especially for the Constitutional Court. Three candidatures are pending for many months now. Very serious personalities have been proposed and a decision should be taken respecting the President proposing these candidatures. The candidature, for example of Mr. Artan Hoxha for the Constitutional Court is to be considered as a very serious one. Hearings have taken place months ago and since the Constitutional Court is not complete – it is only eight members instead of nine - the vacancy should be filled as soon as possible, maybe already next week. We would consider that as a very important step in making the country more viable.”

### **Q: How do you see the process for the election of President?**

**Ambassador Wollfarth:** “The discussion for candidates is taking place. Several names are published. Some people might have even more names in mind. I think this is a very important process. It is very important to have a respectful person then or a number of respected persons picked and finally one of them elected. This is a process that Albanians should lead. Therefore, I very much welcome the dialogue that is taking place in different formats between Albanian personalities, including party leaders. I find that dignified and important, because it is, in the end, an Albanian decision for the Albanian number one. So, a good process under way, hopefully coming to a good end.”