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Cyprus Judges Association

In relation to the question with respect to judicial independence, the position of the Cyprus Judges' Association is as follows:

Judicial independence is important for maintaining judges' impartiality and the rule of law. In Cyprus judicial independence is basically secured through the Supreme Judicial Board which is composed exclusively of the thirteen judges of the Supreme Court of Cyprus. The said Board is in charge of all the decisions concerning judges' recruitment, career, transfer and discipline. Governance of the courts is regulated by a President District Court Judge which is appointed as the Administrator of the court, along with his judicial duties, and is accountable in this respect to the Supreme Court of Cyprus. Lastly, in respect of funding, the matter is dealt by the Republic in terms of the annual government plan which is approved by the Parliament.