

[AL] Parliament Approves NCRT-report 2005

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111 private radio and television stations are presently offering their services in Albania. The condition that allows broadcasting is a licence given by the Keshilli Kombetar i Radiotelevizioneve (National Council of Radio and Television - NCRT). During 2004, the Albanian market of the electronic media was seriously shocked by the unlicensed presence of a new operator for the terrestrial and digital satellite broadcasting to which the NCRT objected. On 17 February 2005, the Parliament of the Republic of Albania approved the Annual Report 2004 of the NCRT. According to the Law "On public and private radio and television in the Republic of Albania", the parliament discusses at the beginning of each year the regulatory authority's activities of the previous year and also approves the plan of activities for the next year. The dispraise of this Report for two consecutive years, leads to the automatic dismissal of the NCRT, and to the responsibility to set up a new one (See IRIS 2004-4: 6 and IRIS 2002-4: 4).

