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PRESS RELEASE

ARBITRATION BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

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Tribunal to Render Its Final Award on 29 June 2017

In the arbitration concerning a territorial and maritime dispute between the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Slovenia pursuant to the Arbitration Agreement of 4 November 2009, the Tribunal has announced that it will render its Final Award on 29 June 2017.

A public sitting of the Tribunal will take place from 2.00–4.00 p.m. at the Peace Palace in The Hague, during which the President of the Tribunal, Judge Gilbert Guillaume, will read the Tribunal's decision.

The Award, accompanied by press releases, will be published immediately after the sitting on the Case Repository of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, which acts as Registry in this arbitration (<https://pcacases.com/web/view/3>).

Background to the proceedings

On 4 November 2009, the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Government of the Republic of Slovenia signed an agreement to submit their territorial and maritime dispute to arbitration. Pursuant to Article 3 of the Arbitration Agreement, the Tribunal is called upon to determine: "(a) the course of the maritime and land boundary between the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Slovenia, (b) Slovenia's junction to the High Sea and (c) the regime for the use of the relevant maritime areas." Pursuant to Article 4 of the Arbitration Agreement, the Tribunal is to apply "the rules and principles of international law" for the determinations in respect of the course of the maritime and land boundary, and "international law, equity and the principle of good neighbourly relations in order to achieve a fair and just result by taking into account all relevant circumstances" for the determinations in respect of "Slovenia's junction to the High Sea" and the regime for the use of the relevant maritime areas.

The arbitration proceedings began in early 2012, with the constitution of the Tribunal. Further information regarding the history of the proceedings may be found on the PCA Case Repository (<https://pcacases.com/web/view/3>).

Viewing and attending the sitting

The sitting will be held in the Small Hall of Justice of the Peace Palace, The Hague. It will be webcast on the internet via live streaming. Details concerning the live streaming of the sitting will be published on the website of the PCA in due course.

In view of the limited capacity of the venue, the sitting will be open to members of the diplomatic corps only. The PCA requests members of the diplomatic corps who plan to attend the readings to notify it accordingly by 11.59 p.m. on 26 June 2017 (The Hague time), by e-mail to registration@pca-cpa.org.

Upon prior accreditation, representatives of the press will be able to follow the sitting, on screen, in a separate room of the Peace Palace. TV crews will be able to connect in the press room to the video and audio stream. The following connections will be made available: 10x audio with a XLR connection, 10x HD-SDI Video with embedded audio 1080i, 50 Hz, 10x SDI video with embedded audio 720i, 50Hz.

Representatives of the press wishing to attend the sitting are required to register in advance, by sending an e-mail to registration@pca-cpa.org, enclosing the press accreditation form, attached to the present Press Release. Should the number of registrants exceed the number of available seats, the PCA will allocate seats on a first-come-first-serve basis.

The deadline for registration is 11.59 p.m. on 26 June 2017 (The Hague time). Confirmation of attendance will be communicated by e-mail on the 27 June 2017. Only those registrants who have received advance confirmation from the PCA will be granted access to the Peace Palace.

Attendees are kindly asked to arrive at the Peace Palace no later than 30 minutes before the start of the sitting, to allow the requisite security procedures to be completed.

Interviews and photography

Press representatives or photographers will not have access to the Small Hall of Justice at any time. Filming and interviews on the Peace Palace grounds will however be permitted. Representatives of States involved in PCA proceedings occasionally agree to provide interviews after sittings. Journalists are kindly requested to conduct such interviews either in the Palace entry hall or on the entrance steps.

In addition, a selection of high-resolution pictures taken by a professional photographer on the PCA's behalf will be made available on the PCA Case Repository (<https://pcacases.com/web/view/3>). These photographs may be freely downloaded and reproduced (with appropriate credit).

No parking is allowed on the Peace Palace grounds, and all vehicles should be parked in the neighbouring streets. Media wishing to use satellite vehicles on the Peace Palace grounds are requested to obtain further information by sending an e-mail to registration@pca-cpa.org. It should be noted, however, that the Peace Palace is not equipped with a power supply for satellite vehicles.

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The PCA is an independent intergovernmental organization established by the 1899 Hague Convention on the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes. The PCA has 121 Contracting Parties, including Croatia and Slovenia. Headquartered at the Peace Palace in The Hague, the Netherlands, the PCA facilitates arbitration, conciliation, fact-finding, and other dispute resolution proceedings among various combinations of States, State entities, intergovernmental organizations, and private parties. The PCA has served as Registry in numerous arbitrations between States.

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