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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**DATE AND SCHEDULE OF HEARING IN THE ARBITRATION  
BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA**

**THE HAGUE, 14 March 2016**

In the arbitration concerning a territorial and maritime dispute between the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Slovenia, the Tribunal will hold a hearing on Thursday, 17 March 2016, at the seat of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at the Peace Place in The Hague, the Netherlands.

Pursuant to the schedule for the hearing adopted by the Tribunal, each side will have half a day to present its arguments. Croatia has been invited to present its arguments in the morning of 17 March 2016, while Slovenia has been invited to present its arguments in the afternoon of 17 March 2016.

Pursuant to Article 6(5) of the Arbitration Agreement, the hearing will not be open to the public. However, a summary of the positions presented at the hearing will be issued in the form of a PCA Press Release after the closure of the hearing.

The Arbitral Tribunal is chaired by Judge Gilbert Guillaume (France), former President of the International Court of Justice. The other members of the Arbitral Tribunal are H.E. Rolf Einar Fife (Norway), Professor Vaughan Lowe (United Kingdom), Professor Nicolas Michel (Switzerland), and Judge Bruno Simma (Germany). The Permanent Court of Arbitration acts as Registry in the arbitration.

The PCA is an independent intergovernmental organization established by the 1899 Hague Convention on the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes. The PCA has 117 Member States, 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 currently serves as Registry in six arbitrations between States. Further information about the proceedings is available on the PCA Case Repository (<http://www.pcacases.com>).

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